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From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev.E.C.Jepson,S.M.,
Pago-Pago,
American Samoa.

Jan 2, 1942.

Dear Father Jepson,

Well, here you are at last. After so many years of longing and prayerful preparation, you have been selected for work in the Field. Congratulations and hearty welcome. May the New Year make your debut a promising one for a fruitful ministry extending over a long vista of numerous years. You have been provided by Holy Providence with all the elements of interest and success--an ideal climate, if somewhat warm; a wonderful people, whether white or brown; an enthusiastic body of workers, fathers, sisters and trained Catechists; an understanding Superior of mature experience. All that may disappoint you, for you had prepared to search it among pagans and blacks, through bush and swamp, and a luxurious variety of refined hardships, such as you had so often read about--and, let me tell you, which still exist abundantly in the Solomons and the Hebrides. Only be thankful for God knows best. Since the conditions are so good, make up your mind to avail yourself fully of them.

Your card of the 25th Nov. and the two cheques that accompanied it were all received. I hereby thank you sincerely on my own and the two lucky Confreres' behalf for your generous donations. They have been advised, and the cheques have been banked.

There was here a difficulty. You had made them out in the names of the Fathers in the No. and the So. Solomons. They should have been made out in my name or in that of Fr. J. Nicolas, the Procurator, since you addressed them to me, in Sydney. You know, every cheque has to be endorsed by the one whose name appears on its face. If the Banks had been severe; if Fr. Nicolas and I were not so well known in Sydney, the cheques would have had to be sent to Frs. Muet and Luhsel for endorsement, and that would have meant at least another three months' delay. However, the matter was satisfactorily settled here; and the fact is mentioned only to serve as guidance on any future occasion, should you again suffer from a surplus of funds,--which not likely, if I know my missionaries.

My visitation of the New Hebrides was made in the best of conditions--weather, sea, or other. The war had not fundamentally affected the run of the Mission; but new developments have occurred since, while, in fact, I was on the ship returning to Sydney; and what will they entail? Only God can foresee. But let us pray, and trust All-mighty Providence.

Regards and best New Year wishes to Fr. Potheringham.

Yours faithfully in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Very Rev.J.MOreave, S.M.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Jan. 2, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Oreve,

When I got back from the New Hebrides I found ~~the~~ letter of yours awaiting an answer. And before I could answer, another letter arrived with your personal good wishes. That double-barrel shot hoisted you right up to the top of the file "Letters to be answered".

Let me first reciprocate in my own name and on behalf of the Community at Hunter's Hill, Christmastide and New Year greetings and wishes. The circumstances give them additional solemnity this year. So far, indeed, our Missions had not suffered real hardships due to the war, barring some increase of personnel. But what will the new developments entail for them? That is God's secret. Our prayers should therefore be insistent, and our trust in His Providence unshaken, as we go on with the work. My heart goes out to you, since you are burdened with all the responsibility of your Mission. May God lead and help you. May your co-labourers shoulder, as they have always done for their former leaders, their full share of co-operation. You have taken the wise course of making as few changes as possible during your incumbency; there will always enough of necessary ones, such as the one you mention, re good Fr. Holliet; but a wonderful character, "type", as they say in French.

We are all well here just now. Fr. Chol must remain here until the middle of the year, for he has to undergo another operation to remove the spike that was put in his hip-bone after the break. He is normal now, and walks without a limp. A new case recently sent us is that of Fr. Scurry-Laverne, who is very run-down. A six months' rest is expected to build him up, as he does not seem to have anything radically wrong in his system. Fr. Bousait is still held up; but we hope for the best soon. Fr. Rigard keeps well enough to eat well, sleep well, smoke an occasional pipe and take a short walk on the top verandah. His mind is still bright, but he experiences greater difficulty in expressing himself in words.

I must congratulate you on the ordination of three more "Fijians" to the priesthood,--or is it only two? I hope they find their way back to you without delay and take up work in the Vicariate.

My visitation to the New Hebrides, which took three months, was most interesting. That Mission, almost contrary to my expectations, has done very well in spite of the war. But new developments may bring on real hardships. I had finished the visitation and was on my way back when Japan began her fireworks.

Let us keep our heads and pray with greater earnestness for peace and victory.

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--
APOSTOLIC DELEGATION

Jan. 2, 1942.

In reply to
No. 2080/41

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd Dec. 1941 which accompanied document No. 2081/41 graciously granting August Fogliani dispensation from his religious vows.

The said document will immediately be forwarded to the petitioner.

With sincere thanks, I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

S. E. Bergeron, S.
Provincial S.A.

(envoyé le même jour à Mgr. Halbert, Jan. 2/42)
S. E. B.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Most Rev. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Villa,
N.H.

2 janv. 1942.

Monseigneur,

Depuis mon retour le 14 dec. je suis submerge. Vous ne deviez pas avoir votre tour encore aujourd'hui, malgré mon vif desir de venir vous dire une fois de plus ma vive reconnaissance pour l'amabilité que vous et vos missionnaires m'avez manifestée pendant mon memorable séjour aux Hebrides; mais un document important m'arrive sur l'heure, auique date de la Délégation apostolique au 22 dec., la dispense de ses vœux du Fr. Auguste Poilani. Il fallait donc vous la faire parvenir sans délai. Vous la communiquerez au Frere, et qu'il parte, si les circonstances le permettent, tout de suite pour Noumea, rejoindre sa famille.

Le voyage de retour s'est effectué en d'assez bonnes conditions: une journée seulement perdue à cause de mauvais temps, qui nous forcé à changer notre direction. Nous n'étions pas encore à Jorfil quand nous apprimes la guerre du Japon. Je me suis dit: "Mon vieux, il est à temps de rentrer." Tout le monde resta bien calme; mais dimanche, nous étions tous contents de revoir le port de Sydney.

La Providence jusqu'ici nous a bien protégés; nous ne commencerons pas à perdre confiance, malgré l'approche du danger: Dieu et notre Bonne Mere sont toujours là, et toujours aussi puissants; nous n'allons que redoubler de prières et de sincérité. Fais le devoir du moment, comme à l'ordinaire.

La secheresse continue toujours à Sydney. Nous voilà réduits à la ration journalière de l'usage de l'eau. A Villa Maria nous avons eu vert trois de nos citernes d'autrefois. Au Collège St. Joseph, ils en font autant. Après la dernière guerre il y a eu la terrible epidemie de la grippe espagnole, est-ce que à la fin de celle-ci, ceux qui restent dans la vie civile seraient affligés par la soif? Il y a un aspect extraordinaire à cette secheresse: elle semble s'étendre sur une grande étendue du globe terrestre: même dans les pays d'ordinaire si humides, comme les Hebrides, Fiji, etc. Vous allez me croire devenu pessimiste, ou comme certains vieux, se rejoignant à fouiller les pseudo-prophéties sur la fin du monde... Je n'en suis pas encore arrivé là. Tout de même, la perspective n'est pas encourageante.

Nous sommes tous en bonne sante. Même le P. Soury-Lavergne, qui ne semble pas avoir la t.b., mais une fatigue generale, dont il se relevera avec le temps. Il ne tousse point, mange bien, dort comme les autres. Ce sont ses classes nombreuses qui, à mon avis, l'ont esquiné.

En terminant, je vous presente bien, Monseigneur, mes vœux très sinceres d'une bonne et heureuse année, où tous les problemes de la Mission, comme toutes les difficultés internationales, trouveront, par l'intervention de la Bonne Providence, une solution dans une paix que Dieu seul peut donner. Mes salutations aux Peres, aux Freres et aux Soeurs.

De Votre Grandeur

Le tout devoue en J.M.J.,
G.E. BERGERON

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Very Rev. A. Keltus, S.M.,
Marist Seminary,
Harewood Rd.,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Jan. 3, 1948.

Dear Father Keltus,

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude receipt of yours of the 22nd Nov., which reached me on the 30th Dec., and which was accompanied by your cheque for 1800 dol., covering a 1000 Mass intentions--900 for the repose of the soul of Rev. Godfrey Frohn of New Orleans, and 100 for the intention of the donor.

The cheque and particulars were passed on to Rev. Fr. Procurator for distribution, banking and official book entries.

Thanks to Mass intentions coming from here and there the Missions have been able to supplement the allocation from the S.F., which on account of the war had considerably decreased. I can do with yet more.

Up to quite recently our Island Missions were like arid oases in a mad world; but what will happen to them from now on to the end of this strife? For a couple of years the new missionaries, with a few exceptions, were unable to reach the field of their intended labors; the aged and infirm have not grown younger; some have died;--and the work has in no wise decreased, on the contrary. I have just come back from the visitation of the New Hebrides, arriving at Sydney on the 14th Dec. in fact. Well, I was surprised at the efforts made by each missionary to restrict in non-essentials and in raising means of support for his Station:--raising crops of copra, coffee, coconuts, garlic and cotton, selling same often at ridiculous prices, or consuming on the spot what would otherwise have to be purchased at an exorbitant price due to high freights and insurance,--when at all procurable.

I went to see every Father in his own Station, to see for myself his conditions of life. It is more interesting, too. Brother Camille had been given me as companion. He was a charming attendant, but he is a bad sailor. The trip was too much for him. He broke down at the end of it; for what with a life mostly on board the Mission launch, or frequent change of beds and foods, malaria, which he had been able to stave off for almost a whole year got him and he had to be taken to the Vila Hospital. He soon improved, however, and was almost himself again, when I went say Good-bye, early in Dec.

I owe you thanks, too, for the many bits of news you gave me about Frs. Rapier, Götter, Sullivan, Gerard, all of whom are old friends.

What a nice day you must have had in honor of Fr. O'Meara's Jubilee. Kindly convey my congratulations and best wishes to him.

With kind regards to your own good self and my sincere good wishes for a Year replete with God's choicest blessings,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Sr.M.Valerie, SM.SM.,
Canal-du-Segond,
New Hebrides.

Janv. 3, 1942.

Ma chère Sœur M.Valerie,

Le retour à Sydney s'est effectué sans autre incident qu'un retard subi par suite d'un fort mauvais temps, un jour. Et depuis le 14 dec. je fais de vains efforts pour émerger d'une avalanche de lettres, cartes de Noël et de Nouvel An, affaires accumulées pendant une absence de trois mois. L'Australie va s'enrichir sur les timbres que je lui achète ces jours-ci.

De vos deux montres il y en a une, la petite, qui ne sera pas réparée: elle n'en vaut pas la peine ou les frais, dit l'horloger. L'autre sera mise en ordre et expédiée.

Tout le monde est bien à Villa Maria, excepté la Sr.M. Irène, qui du subir une opération très sérieuse pour kyste intestinal et appendicite. Elle est en convalescence, mais toujours à l'Hôpital Mater. Les Sœurs qui, sans mauvais esprit, certes, nous trouvaient, le Père M.Rose et moi, imbus d'une prudence exagérée, depuis que nous nous refusions à laisser partir les Sœurs destinées à certaines Missions, changent d'idée... et sont contentes actuellement. Grâce la Bonne Providence continuer à protéger toutes nos Sœurs là où elles sont. Les Sœurs Maristes de Tonga sont toutes évacuées. Elles sont arrivées saines et sauves en N.Z. Ce sont des Australiennes, et le Gouvernement d'Australie prend à leur égard des mesures de prudence. Toutes les Nurses aussi sont revenues des deux Vicariats où elles étaient.

Esperons que 1942 verra la fin de la tourmente: la victoire, la paix, --et la vie normale encore.

Veuillez agréer mes meilleurs souhaits de Bonne Année, que je vous prie de partager avec vos estimées collègues du Canal.

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev. M. McMahon, S.M.,
Tulagi,
B.S.I.

Jan. 3, 1941.

Dear Father McMahon,

Your letter, which I received only three days after I got back from the New Hebrides, gave me intense pleasure and great relief. Yes, I gladly confirm the arrangement made with His Lordship about another attempt to settle down to Mission life. The time of sickness and disappointment is really and emphatically not conducive to wise decisions. Do let past experience be future prudent counsellor.

I wrote to Very Rev. Fr. Dubois, as you wished me to do when the crisis was upon you; but I expect that the Very Rev. Superior General will leave it to me to make the final decision. I hope it will be the correct one.

You are now in comparative civilization, with some of the home comforts--a merited compensation, I allow, after your hard novitiate in the Solomons. There is plenty of work to do for the good of the whole Mission. It is varied, too, and will put you in frequent touch with all. Only, allow me to suggest one word of friendly advice: Do not forget your spiritual exercises; for they are not only a mainstay, but a real consolation, and for us an obligation on which so much depends.

Let me hear from you every now and then; for I take the deepest interest in your welfare.

With sincerest good wishes for the New Year,
Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev. K. McGrath, S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Temuka, N.Z.

Jan. 5, 1942.

Dear Father McGrath,

I have to complement the joint telegrams of congratulations and good wishes we of the Marist Missions sent you some days ago for your Sacramental Silver Jubilee. I had just come back from a visitation of the New Hebrides, and the business accumulated during an absence of three months and the Christmas mail had me fairly swamped. Besides, there was no time for ordinary mail to reach you. A telegram was substituted. But we want to be more explicit and abundant in a subsequent letter, for we feel that what you have done through the greater part of your twenty-five years of Marist Priesthood and are still doing for our Missions mainly through your wonderful "Marist Messenger" deserves on this occasion a very sincere acknowledgement.

Much material help came to fathers, brothers and sisters in the Missions in answer to appeals made in its pages. But that was a mere token and symbol of the interest awakened in so many souls and the consequent prayers and sacrifices made for the missionaries and the work for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ among the natives of the Pacific Islands, whose morale was ~~maintained~~ thereby sustained through the months and the years.

On behalf, then, of our Missionaries distributed among the eight Vicariates of Marist Oceania, I wish to express our grateful acknowledgement of all favors received, material and spiritual, through you and the "Marist Messenger". May God reward you, as He alone can adequately. May He grant you and the "Messenger" length of days and service, for full another quarter of a century. You may be assured of our appreciation, our sincere good wishes and the humble help of our prayers.

We respectfully ask you to convey our earnest congratulations and hearty good wishes to your kind mother, who must be just too happy these days.

It may interest you to know that after more than two years of war our Missions, despite many restrictions, have been able to carry on surprisingly well. The New Hebrides, for instance, which I visited last, from Oct. to Dec., were still almost normal. I say "almost normal", but not quite normal, for they had not been able to get any of the new missionaries named and destined for them; and some two or three died recently; others are beginning to age and weaken at the hard task but it was most heartening to see how every Father in charge of a Station endeavored to make up by personal industry the deficiency that has begun to appear in the annual allocation of the P.F. In this Group the Mission has large land grants for food plantations and gaily produce. Everyone has his copra made, though it sells at a ridiculous price, raises cotton, coffee, cocoa and garlic,--every bit counts.

And so everyone has been able to keep up his credit for the purchase of essentials.

But things have taken on a more serious turn....I was on my way back, still more than a thousand miles to make, with two stops on the ship's itinerary, when Japan began her shooting war. What has the immediate future in store for our Missions?--I entertain no doubt about the final issue. One thing is sure: our Fathers will not abandon their posts. Providence has signally protected them in the past; Providence will remain their steadfast hope.

I should like to give you an extended description of my trip to the New Hebrides, these least known and wildest of our Missions, not excluding the Solomons, where the natives of many tribes are still bad where "white-trash" is still rampant with its many diabolical tricks of the trade, where murder is rife and retribution slow and reluctant, where Condominium sits neutral on the fence; where mountains are steepest in the coral islands, and volcanoes are most destructive; where malaria reigns supreme and tropical sores corrupt or deform the human flesh and frame. And there are our Missionaries, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, in the midst of it all, representing by their life and good works the Saving Church of Christ,--Christ Himself, speaking His Doctrine, teaching with healing hand all human malady, applying to each submissive soul the grace of salvation.

To find here Melanesians and Polynesians, outside race and pygmies a most bewildering variety of languages and dialects, customs that seem to carry one out of this planet on to some otherworld where things are different; large islands and small islands, inhabited by industrious peoples, neat and orderly in their homes, or indolent and dirty in--everything.

The story of it all is too long and complicated for even a series of letters; it would take volumes--I have read several already on the New Hebrides, and they give but a partial idea of the group--to convey a "vue d'ensemble". If only I had a facile pen, I might prepare a series of articles for the "Messenger" on the New Hebrides.

But I must close this letter. And I do so by offering you sincerest wishes for a very Happy New Year, replete with God's blessings and no end of consolations.

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

C.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To: --Rev. A. Kerrmann, S.M.,
Macfega,
Tonga Is.

5 Janv. 1942.

Cher Pere Kerrmann,

Il y a longtemps que votre bonne lettre du 23 juillet attend sur ma table; mais il faut escompter trois mois sur ce temps, ce qu'il a fallu pour la visite des Hebrides, fin sept. a la mi-dec., et nous voila dans l'année nouvelle... Agreez d'abord mes meilleurs souhaits d'une Bonne et Heureuse Année... malgré les circonstances douloureuses et inquiétantes ou elle débute. Le cocur peut être endolori, mais au fond de l'âme règne la paix inaltérable qu'a apportée au monde de bonne volonté notre doux Jesus, et que conserve une foi vive et une confiance expérimentée en la Bonne Providence, Qui guide et conduit tout pour notre plus grand bien. Après deux ans et demi de guerre, nos Missions avaient peu souffert. Le fleau approche. Nous le conjurerons, comme il convient, par la prière et le devoir du moment accompli avec le dévouement habituel. Vos Soeurs Maristes sont évacuées, le P. Boussit est encore absent de Tonga, et il y a eu la triste défection dont vous se souvient. Les premières reviendront après la tourmente; le deuxième rentrera aussi tôt qu'il le pourra; le dernier, hélas... nous prions pour lui.

Le voyage des Hebrides s'est effectué dans de très bonnes conditions. Après la retraite annuelle, que je dirigeai, je fis le tour pour voir chacun dans sa Station: excellente manière de se rendre compte de tout. On avait fait merveilleuse réputation de cette Mission. On la disait pauvre, mal conditionnée, arriérée. J'ai donc été agréablement surpris d'y trouver tant de bon et de bien. La perfection n'est pas de ce monde; il ne fallait pas espérer la trouver là. Par contre, les Peres et les Soeurs y sont tout aussi Maristes qu'ailleurs et se comportent avec le même zèle et le même idéal, bâtissant sur les fondements que leur ont laissés leurs héroïques prédécesseurs, au sein de grandes difficultés, dans un pays de fièvre, moustiqueux, couvert, en très grande partie, de brousses encore vierges, au milieu d'une population toujours bien sauvage d'indigènes et bien indifférente de blancs. Dieu merci, les Peres n'ont pas encore senti la misère. Ils s'efforcent tous à faire profiter les terrains de la Mission, qui sont grands et nombreux: copra, café, cacao, coton, ail, etc. Tout le monde a du bétail, de la volaille. On ne mourra pas de faim, quoiqu'il arrive.

Je revenais à Sydney, quand le Japon déclara la guerre aux Etats-Unis et à l'Angleterre. Il nous restait mille milles à faire et deux arrêts. Enfin, nous arrivâmes, contents, le 14 dec.

Tout le monde est bien à Villa Maria. La vie y est assez agréable a cause d'un personnel assez nombreux: le P. Rigard, qui tire sur ses 90 ans, les PP. Boussit, Chol, Centaure, Soury-Lavergne, fatigué mais pas trop actuellement, et le P. Supérieur (le P. Schwehr), le dimanche les PP. Nicolas et Chaize.

Veuillez faire part de mes vœux aux Peres et aux Soeurs de Tonga. Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.

G. E. BERGERON S. M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship,
Most Rev.J.F.Blanc, S.M.,
Nukualofa,
Tonga Is.

5 Janv.1948.

Monseigneur,

Une nouvelle année commence. Et, mon Dieu, dans quelles conditions. Pendant plus de deux ans de guerre les coeurs ont pu souffrir de peines intimes, mais nos Missions et leurs oeuvres n'avaient pas encore été sérieusement atteintes: leur marche était restée à peu près normale. Que leur réserve l'année qui commence d'une manière si inquiétante?

Malgré cela, ou plutôt à cause de cela, je viens respectueusement vous présenter mes plus sincères vœux d'une année qui verra la fin du carnage et du bouleversement général qui a fini par nous atteindre: une année couronnée de grands merites issus de grandes épreuves; une année de grâces insignes pour votre belle Mission, compensation des peines encore inconnues que pourrait bien amener la triste situation mondiale.

Nous ne devons entretenir aucun doute sur l'issue heureuse de ce conflit. La Providence, la foi et l'expérience nous l'ont enseigné, sera toujours là pour protéger les Siens, faire fructifier la moisson semée dans les larmes. La paix intérieure sera donc toujours en nous en attendant les consolations d'un heureux de nouement.

Nous avons su que déjà les Soeurs Mariabes ont été évacuées.

Votre Vicaire-Délegué, le bon P. Bousset, vous manque encore. Mais lui et nous faisons notre possible pour le rapatrier pour reprendre avec vous sa part du fardeau.

Quand la guerre fut déclarée par le Japon j'étais en mer, en retour de ma visite aux Hébrides. Même aux Hébrides on n'avait pas beaucoup souffert encore de la guerre. Mgr. Halbert, le nouvel Evêque, frais, plein de vie et de zèle, mené avec entrain son Vicariat.

J'ai fait mon possible pour trouver moyen de pousser la visite jusqu'au Vicariat de Mgr. Poncet. La chose n'a pas été possible: aucune communication n'existe, pas même en perspective. J'espère qu'on n'y manquera pas de l'absolu nécessaire, tant pour la Messe que pour la vie.

Veuillez accorder, Monseigneur, une bénédiction toute spéciale à votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev.T.J. Wade, S.M.,
Kieta,
T.N.G.

Jan. 6, 1942.

My Lord,

It looks as if one ought to be an optimist to wish anybody else a Happy New Year in the present circumstances. Yet solidarity and morale can be boosted no end by community of thought on brighter issues. We are not in doubt as to the final outcome of the struggle now at our doors, and so we pierce the gloom and let our thoughts rest on the eventual victory and the peace that will follow. May this year, then, be in that expectation a most happy one for us all.

In your responsible position as Bishop your worry is deep and broad as your Mission. Faith and trust in Providence will bear you through, and with you the personnel of your Vicariate.

We must pray as we never prayed before that all may be spared physical and spiritual harm during the year; that God may draw good out of the evil of war; that what we sow in tears in these days of stress may grow into an abundant harvest of peace in the coming days of peace.

I was on my way back from the visitation of Mr. Halbert's Mission when Japan began her fireworks. There was no excitement among the passengers; though, you may surmise, we were glad to get alongside. Like the other Missions, Mr. Halbert's was getting on surprisingly well, even after two and a half years of war. Australia had accepted the country's currency, and so purchases could be made at Sydney,--and all was honky-dory. But what will happen now out there? And everywhere else in our Missions? That is in the hands of God,--and hence, our hope for the best.

We are all well at Villa Maria. Mr. Rigard has only another month to go to complete his 90 years. He'll breast the ribbon still fresh another sprint.

There is a lot of grip in Sydney, and the drought is perhaps the worst ever,--certainly the worst I have experienced these many years. Some of us associate the two, making the drought the main cause of the bad grip now prevalent. Of course, we have had another cause lately: terrific heat. Last Sunday, for instance there was 107. plus degrees of it. Fortunately it was the dry kind mostly, otherwise it would have been unbearable, absolutely. So, we are praying for rain, too. Our prayers must be unacceptable, on both subjects of peace & victory and rain; we can at least give them the last quality of prayer, which is perseverance.

Wishing you God's help and choicest graces for the new year,

I remain, My Lord,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.?

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

Messrs Makinson & D'Apice,
Lisgar House,
Wynyard Square,
Sydney.

Jan. 7, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

When I returned from the Islands shortly before the Christmas Holidays I found a letter from your Office, JA'A/BR, dated Nov. 11th enquiring about the present address of Mrs. Bertin and Courtain, also requiring particulars of the nationalities of them and myself, in compliance with the National Security (Land Transfer) Regulations, etc.

Noted upon your letter was the advice to me by Rev. Fr. Schrehr that the matter had been settled orally.

Will you kindly let me know by note or by telephone has the matter, in fact, been satisfactorily arranged?

If further information is required, I am now available to furnish same.

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. E. Brennan, S.M.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

Jan. 7, 1942.

Monseigneur,

Je vous dois, d'abord, vives condoléances pour toutes les pertes que la Providence, dans Ses vues infiniment sages, a permises dans votre Vicariat vers la fin de l'année qui vient de clore: Mgr. Chanrion, votre vénéral professeur, pendant trente-cinq ans le zèle et prudent organisateur de notre plus beau et plus grand Vicariat; le Rev. P. Martin, modèle de patience dans la longue souffrance, d'amabilité fraternelle et de popularité mariste; le R.P. Morvan, que je n'ai pas eu l'avant-garde de connaître, mais qui a eu le mérite de donner carrière au service de l'Église en Nlle Calédonie. Toutes ces morts je les ai apprises à Vila, durant les derniers jours de ma visite officielle au Vicariat de M. Gilbert. J'ai pu donc dès lors m'associer à votre peine et à vos souffrances pour ces chers et vénérés défunts. Que leur intercession, du haut du ciel, nous vienne en aide dans les temps difficiles et nous soutienne et les jours d'épreuves qui nous restent avant l'avènement de la victoire finale et de la paix qui doit la suivre.

La mélancolie et la fatigue ont aussi visité d'autres vaillants missionnaires et diminué temporairement leur efficacité de la Mission: ces nombreux auxquels encore je sympathise de tout coeur. Mais lui il y a lieu, d'après les dernières nouvelles, de nous laisser aller à la joie de recouvrements ou d'améliorations sensibles et à la reconnaissance du fruit que donne le Bon Dieu au Ministère de la souffrance. Je suis heureux, sur ce sujet, de vous rassurer, étant que les circonstances actuelles le permettant, sur l'état de santé du P. Soucy-Lavergne, votre Vicaire Délégué. Le Père semble reprendre visiblement des forces. Il mange beaucoup et avec appétit; il dort comme un bienheureux; ne tousse jamais, et parle de bonne humeur. Il est toujours à Villa Maria, mais il doit aller, après avoir visité le dentiste, chez les Soeurs Mariates évacuées à Vittel, pour s'amuser. Le climat de la campagne de cote-la lui sera certainement favorable. Il a déjà pris du poids. Si je ne me trompe, et je me base sur son histoire, le Père avait trop de classes, trop à parler, tous les jours. C'est cela qui lui a fatigué la gorge, le poitrine, et débilité tout le système. Nous avons bon espoir de vous le renvoyer en quelques mois tout à fait remis et dispos, --mais il faudra lui réduire ses heures d'enseignement.

Le P. Schwehr vous a renseigné sur le cas du P. Chol.

Je vous remercie des Communications Administratives que vous avez toujours l'amabilité de me passer et que j'apprécie beaucoup. Les dernières reçues sont les nos. 78, 80, 81, 82, 83.

Il me faudrait, à cause matières administratives auxquelles le R.P. Bertin a été mêlé comme Provincial, une pièce officielle du Gouvernement de Nlle Calédonie, certifiant sa mort. Je prierai donc

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de commissionner quelqu'un, le Procureur peut-être, pour me la faire expedier. Merci.

Comment, maintenant formuler mes souhaits de Bonne Annee? Nous en avons tous besoin, de ces vœux vraiment sinceres et fraternels, bases sur une foi vive et issus d'un sentiment profond de solidarite missionnaire et mariste, en face des evenements menaçants et possibles. Que l'annee nouvellement commencee si inquietante se transforme par la Bonne Providence qui nous a si visiblement proteges jusqu'ici en une annee pleine de benedictions du Ciel, apportant la victoire et la paix, et le retour a la vie normale de notre ministere pour l'extension du Regne du Christ.

Je vous demande une benediction toute speciale.

Votre tout devoue et J.M.J.,

C. R. BENOIST, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Darnand, S.M.,
Apia,
Samoa.

7 Janv. 1942.

Monsieur,

Je vous fais bien mes excuses de vous écrire si peu souvent. En ce on va bien on a eu à dire un mot de félicitation, et tout est dit pour longtemps. Malheureusement ce n'est pas on les Provinciaux ont à intervenir souvent que on va le mieux. Quant aux nouvelles de Villa Maria ou de la Société, je sais que le bon P. Schwebel vous les donne: s'entretenir avec Votre Grandeur ou avec quelque membre de son ancienne Mission fait encore ses délices.

Après une très forte et longue attaque de grippe au milieu de l'année dernière je dus partir pour la visite des Hebrides, longtemps remise à cause de démarches intriquées de vente de terrains et d'objections que me faisait le Consulat pour partir du voyage dans les îles par les temps dangereux d'alors. La visite prit de la fin de septembre à la mi-décembre, et se fit dans de très bonnes conditions. J'y ai pu faire, grâce à l'amabilité de Mr. Balbit, le tour complet des Stations du Vicariat, afin d'y voir chaque chef de famille de la manière de se rendre bien compte des difficultés, des ressources, des besoins d'un chacun. La aussi le personnel a diminué; et les nouvelles ressources se font attendre. Le travail ne manque pas, tandis que les forces s'usent et s'épuisent avec les ans cule surcroît de ministère, et la fièvre reste sans pitié. Tout le monde s'efforce à se procurer des ressources sur place: par la culture de copra, de café, de cacao, d'ail, de coton, que sais-je? par l'élevage d'animaux, vaches, cochons, poules. Et on a réussi, malgré plus de deux ans de guerre à vivre sans s'endetter. Les Pères méritent de sincères félicitations pour leur savoir-faire et leur industrie. Il est vrai qu'ils ont l'avantage que nos Pères n'ont pas en partout, d'avoir reçu du Gouvernement de grands terrains, bien placés pour la plupart, près de la Mission.

J'avais désiré pousser le voyage jusqu'au Vicariat de Mr. Poncet, mais il n'y a pas eu moyen de le faire; et pas un bateau même en perspective... Je dus donc revenir. D'ailleurs, comme vous allez voir, il était temps. Nous étions encore à plus de mille milles de Sydney quand le Japon déclara la guerre, et deux arrêts à faire. Tout le monde se sentait admirablement; mais tous nous étions contents d'amarrer au quai de Sydney.

Avec cela, quand pourrai-je continuer mes visites? Je désirerais certainement me rendre à votre invitation de prêcher la retraite aux Pères de Samoa en ~~septembre~~ juillet, mais pour cela il faudra que les circonstances deviennent favorables. J'en prends note et--j'espère. De là je pourrais vous accompagner faire les ordinations de vos sujets à Lano... belle aubaine pour la visite que je n'ai pu faire avec il y a quelques mois.

Il faudra aussi attendre la fin de la guerre pour recommencer

l'oeuvre du Second-Neoviciat: il serait cruel de demander à nos Vicaires-Apostoliques, dans l'interim, de se passer des services de Peres appelables, mais si necessaires pour l'essentiel du ministere.

Nous sommes tous bien à Villa Maria, Bien merci. Le P. Rigard celebrera--il n'y a pas à en douter--ses 90 ans, le 18 fevrier. Nous tachons de le servir dans sa chambre, pour qu'il ne tombe pas dans l'escapier, mais il trouve bien le moyen, de temps en temps, à s'esquiver pour pousser une petite visite à la cuisine. La parole lui vient difficilement, mais l'esprit est encore vif. Il reste droit comme un i quand il se promene sur la veranda d'en haut pour fumer sa pipe.

J'espere que personne n'aura la annie à Saron, comme certains semblent l'avoir ailleurs. Nous sommes avec les mains de la Providence, que s'est montrée si attentive pour nous proteger par la grace. Il faut prier, sans doute, plus que nous ne l'avons jamais fait; mais il faut aussi etre raisonnable, et ne pas se faire des chimeres de maux qui ne nous arriveront peut-être pas.

C'est dans ce sens que je puis vous souhaiter de tout coeur une Bonne et Heureuse Année, pleine de confiance en Dieu, pleine de merite par les affligés & intimes de nos parents et collègues qui souffrent ailleurs et par les nôtres, si Dieu le permet; année, enfin, qui verra la fin de la tourmente tant que sur nous: fin victorieuse, et puis--la paix et la vie normale missionnaire et mariste.

Veuillez faire part de mes bons souhaits à vos Peres et à vos Soeurs, et daignez m'accorder une benediction toute speciale.

Votre tout devoue en J. M. I.,

G. E. BERGSON, S. J.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J.M. Aubin, S.M.,
Vissie,
B.S.I.

10 Janv. 1942.

Monseigneur,

Par la P. Schwachr vous avez eu que deux lettres de Votre Grandeur sont arrivées tout de suite après mon départ pour les Hébrides. J'avais eu l'occasion même de faire le voyage souvent remis; il y avait même un faible espoir de pousser jusqu'au Vicariat de Mr. Bonnet. Hélas, le fait dans le dernier projet par de bateau nous en perspective. On se demande non sans inquiétude ce que nos Pères et les Sœurs peuvent bien faire pour la Messe, ont-ils ce qui est nécessaire pour leur ravitaillement. Vous avez des anxietés, --il y en a quoi, je le sais bien en vous lisant et en connaissant vos sujets--la-bas ce n'est pas d'un autre genre, et pas de secours.

La visite des Hébrides s'est faite dans les meilleures conditions. Il est bien consolant de savoir que le personnel de la Mission n'a pas encore souffert outre mesure de la guerre. Cependant, dans leurs circonstances, qui l'aurait cru? Et depuis, les événements de septembre certainement doivent faire naître des appréhensions diverses. Je sais aussi il manque il faudrait plus de missionnaires: les derniers nommes n'ont pu venir, un Père est mort pendant que j'étais de la visite, un Frère Co-adjuteur reçoit la dispense de ses vœux, le Fr. Auguste. La cause de ce départ est bien la même qui vous a été dit dans votre lettre du 31 oct. au sujet des P. V.M., S.M., je pourrais y joindre dans votre Vicariat seul les P. J.M., et les Pères pour et Anthony. L'abnégation n'existe plus pour eux-mêmes, ni les besoins de leur Mission, ni le mérite, ni le bon sens; on se demande s'il leur reste la foi? Et l'on trouve de pareils cas un peu partout. Les réflexions que vous faites sont tout à fait justes. C'est triste. Le T.R.P. a accepté quatre vocations pour les Missions cette année dernière, toutes de M.Z. et toutes désignées, pas non plus cependant, cela il le laisse au Provincial, aux Salomons du Nord et du Sud. Dans la désorganisation actuelle, avec l'avis de mon conseil, j'ai écrit à tous les trois Pères et le Frère, de même qu'à leur Provincial de M.Z. de rester pour le moment où ils sont, tout en se souvenant qu'ils sont acceptés par le Supérieur Général pour les Salomons, ou ils iront un jour.

J'ai nommé le Fr. Anthony. Il est toujours le même: travailleur, régulier; mais plein d'amertume contre le F.D. Coicand, vous et moi. Il a voulu aller dans un autre Vicariat, changer de Province; il va s'engager comme soldat ou sortir de la Société, etc.etc. Impossible de raisonner avec lui. Prière pour lui et à l'intention que vous émettez: "pour des missionnaires vraiment religieux, hommes de prière, capables d'exercer leur zèle dans le milieu si difficile où nous nous trouvons" en Mission.

Le P. McMahon semble résolu de faire un essai à Tulagi. Je vous remercie de lui avoir trouvé un poste qui peut-être le tranquilliserait et qui donne au P. Wall un autre milieu où il pourra, lui aussi,

trouver le salut.

Re les 131.17.11 dont vous me parlez dans votre lettre du 19 août, j'ai à chercher des anciennes lettres du Fr. Anthony et de moi-même au Frère, quand Mlle Burke, sa sœur, avait donné un terrain à vendre au profit du Fr. Anthony. Avec le P. Procureur j'ai bien cherché hier, mais n'ai pas pu mettre la main dessus. Le cas n'est pas urgent, mais il faudra avoir les pièces d'évidence sous la main, s'il y a des réclamations, surtout s'il venait à nous solliciter pour le monde, et avec la tête qu'il a... Je n'oublierai pas de faire toute la diligence nécessaire à l'éclaircissement de la situation. Le P. Nicolas me dit qu'il n'a pas mis le content en banque, mais qu'il l'a seulement mis à part, en attendant.

Nous sommes tous assez bien, excepté le P. Gérard, qui a faibli ces jours-ci. Il a fait si chaud: 100, 110, 120; puis changements soudains au froid relatif... puis il ne va guère mieux.

La sécheresse est devenue terrible à Sydney, avec même des restrictions d'eau de plus en plus sévères; et toujours plus de pluie... Et la guerre à notre porte... le monde reste calme, et attend. Nous sommes prêts pour les black-outs. Espérons que nous ne quitterons la. Comment êtes-vous aux Salomon? J'espère que l'on ne craint pas de panique, comme on semble l'avoir fait en certaines îles du Pacifique, et de nos Missions.

Et au milieu de tout cela comment vous souhaitez une bonne et heureuse année? Il le faut bien, cependant; mais en d'autres termes que d'ordinaire. Que cette année voie la fin si terrible de cette terrible tourmente qui s'approche toujours, et nous donne la paix avec de nouveau la vie normale, déjà assez difficile, de nos Missions. Qu'elle nous rejette sur la bonne Providence, qui nous a si bien protégés et bénis par le passé. Oh, oui, nous sommes partout dans les mains de Dieu: il ne nous arrivera que ce qu'il permettra d'épreuves, d'afflictions, pour accroître nos mérites et pour nous préparer des grâces plus abondantes avec leurs consolations. Restons aussi bons religieux maristes, et La Sainte Vierge veillera sur les Siens avec une sollicitude toute maternelle jusqu'à l'heureux dénouement de la guerre.

Veuillez m'accorder, Monsieur, une bénédiction toute spéciale.

Votre tout dévoué en J. E. J.,

C. E. BERGERON, S. M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Very Rev. A. Brugmans, S.M.,
Visale,
B.S.I.

Jan. 8, 1948.

Bien cher Pere,

La dernière fois que je vous ai écrit c'était le commencement du printemps; cette fois c'est l'été, and believe me, c'est l'été. Dimanche dernier nous avions 102° et une fraction de degrés de chaleur--une vraie fournaise. Puis pas de pluie. Nous en sommes aux derniers ratonnements de l'été; Villa Maria nous avons, comme au Collège aussi, rouverte nos anciennes citernes.

Depuis ma dernière lettre à votre adresse j'ai aussi fait la visite des Hébrides, du 25 sept. au 14 dec.. Jusque là cette division, comme toutes les autres n'avait pas encore souffert outre mesure des deux ans et demi de guerre; mais depuis... que de choses arrivent. Mr. Walbert est plein de vie et fait marcher son monde. Il le fait bien, car eux aussi sont bien réduits en nombre. Il y a des vieux, comme le P. John, paralysé qui est mort pendant que j'étais là; et il y a des avaries par la fièvre surtout parmi les jeunes, qui s'accablent et--s'effondrent par l'insuffisance ou par oubli la quinine et les prescriptions médicales. Vous direz, s'il vous plaît, au Père John, que le Fr. Duille, qui lui m'avait donné comme compagnon de voyage pour la tournée des missions, n'a pu supporter le ce voyage: il est devenu malade, il avait trop peu, il dormait mal dans la variété de lits le long de la route, bref, il fallait le mettre à l'hôpital au retour. Mais il ne veut rien savoir. La fièvre l'avait laissé, un peu avant mon départ pour Sydney, et il est redevenu le charmant et souriant jeune homme qu'il était.

Les travaux à Villa Maria n'ont pas été interrompus, à cause des récentes restrictions de pèlerinages: elles ont été. C'est l'île de tout ou se trouve le réfectoire, vous savez bien.

Tout le monde est bien, même le P. Vigard, qui se propose de célébrer ses 90 ans accomplis, le 18 fev.

On ne sait comment s'y prendre pour souhaiter une bonne et heureuse année dans les circonstances actuelles. Il y en a qui ont pris panique. Essayons, nous de garder la tête. Nous avons toujours la Providence qui protégera les Siens, comme sur le passé. Il y a eu, il existe encore, beaucoup de souffrances intimes, comme les vôtres, à cause de l'état des choses au pays natal; c'est notre contribution à la cause. D'autres dangers, d'autres épreuves, physiques ceux-ci, nous menacent; n'allons pas les grossir par anticipation, en faire des chimères. Prions, attendons.

Et que cette année voie la fin de la tourment, la victoire et la paix. Puis que vienne vite pour nous la vie missionnaire normale qui faisait, et fera encore notre bonheur.

Bien à vous en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev. Mother M. Edith, SM. SM.,
Convent School,
Vavau,
Tonga Is.

8 Janr. 1941.

Ma Mere,

Je vous remercie de votre bonne lettre du 13 nov. et des bons souvenirs qu'elle m'apporait des Soeurs de Tonga. A mon tour je viens vous faire mes souhaits de bonne et heureuse année. Mais, vous me direz, il faut être optimiste par les temps qui courent pour espérer une bonne et heureuse année. Oui, mais qui avons la foi et l'expérience des soins d'une bonne Providence, gardons l'espoir, sinon de consolations sensibles, au moins de merites grandis par l'épreuve et l'affliction. Nous serons toujours dans les mains de Dieu. Mais nous prions, plus que jamais, pour que cette année voit la fin victorieuse de la tourmente malheureuse et proche de nous tous, pour la paix et pour le retour à la vie normale et humaine du monde.

Faites part de mes souhaits à toutes vos Soeurs de Tonga et au P. Kellekolo.

J'avais appris la mort de notre Soeur M. Rose à Vavau, et j'ai tout de suite dit la Messe pour le repos de son âme, le 4 nov. Ce que vous me dites du vide fait par sa disparition me rétonne, car, je la connaissais si bien de nous que l'on ne pouvait s'en passer à Tonga. Dieu lui donne vite sa récompense. R.I.P.

C'est une bien mauvaise nouvelle de Miss Popatani:--de la lepre parmi les enfants du Convent. Mais une si petite fille, sera-t-il possible d'isoler les cas? Quelle affliction pour nos deux chères Soeurs. Ce sont elles surtout qui méritent nos sympathies et nos prières pour tenir bon sous le coup.

Toutes les Soeurs des Melanesiens, à l'exception d'une seule, la petite Soeur M. Barthe, de Montmartre et ancienne paroissienne de ma ville natale de Lawrence, qui depuis toujours souffre d'une maladie de l'épine dorsale, sont en bonne santé. Mais que de "vieilles" parmi elles. Elles sont nombreuses à cause des deux hôpitaux; mais il en faudrait une vingtaine de nouvelles pour remplacer les Soeurs de Vicariat.

Ici il n'y a eu que la Soeur M. Simone, qui vient d'être opérée pour un énorme kiste et pour l'appendicite. Elle se remet déjà. La communauté est nombreuse, car nous avons retenu plusieurs Soeurs qui étaient destinées aux îles. Elles n'étaient pas contentes alors mais elles voient mieux maintenant que nous avons raison de ne pas les exposer. Elles en profitent, d'ailleurs de leur séjour à Sydney pour suivre des cours aux hôpitaux,--pour brevets.

Croyez-moi, chère Mere M. Edith, votre tout respectueux en J. E. J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Jan. 1, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I am in receipt of a humble query from Very Rev. J. M. O'Grave, S.M., Pro-Vicar of Fiji, which on his request I hasten to submit to you for authoritative direction.

After stating that the crisis in the Pacific has put Fiji within the war zone, "r. O'Grave goes on:--

1)---"Let us hope that nothing will happen to us, but what if it does? That is one of the reasons why I am writing to you. Let us suppose that I am killed in an air-raid, who is going to take charge of the Mission? Must I appoint somebody to take my place for the time being or leave the matter to you, if such a thing should happen."

(I beg to remark that the word "you" in the above means you, Provincial of the Missions, S.M.B.) "This possibility, as far as I know, has not been provided for by Canon Law.... It is said of a Vicar-Apostolic, that he must appoint a Pro-Vicar, who takes his place ipso facto, in case of death, and if nobody has been appointed as Pro-Vicar, then the oldest missionary takes charge. But I am not a Vicar-Apostolic... Therefore, if anything should happen to me, it seems that the oldest missionary would be in charge. But, as you know (again meaning me, S.M.B.) our oldest missionary--Mr. Bouquard--is not fit physically or otherwise for such a position."

(which is true, S.M.B.) "Then, what should be done? in order to assure the future welfare of the Mission.... Of course, I sincerely hope that such a situation may never arise. Still, it is wise to foreseen any eventuality."

2)---"Now, if you remember, the Holy See gave very wide faculties to the Ordinaries in the European war zone. What about Fiji? It is true that the N.Z.E.F. (New Zealand Expeditionary Forces in Fiji, S.M.B.) "has one Chaplain with those powers, but he cannot do all the work, and besides the N.Z. forces, there are the local forces which are entirely in our care." (For there is the question of languages here, S.M.B.) "Do those extraordinary powers apply to the Ordinary of Fiji, and what are they? Indeed, I have read something about them in the papers, but I never paid great attention to them for I never thought for a moment that the war would come into the Pacific. I would be very much obliged to you if you could approach the Apostolic Delegate on these matters, so that I may know what to do in case of an emergency."

Father O'Grave adds: "However, do not think for a moment that we are

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downhearted or panic-stricken....No such thing. Nevertheless, it is better to foresee things before it is too late."

Guidance in the above matters will be gladly and promptly received, and may be addressed either directly to:

Very Rev. J.M. O'Keefe, S.J.,

Java,

Sijl.----

or to be forwarded to him.

With sincere thanks,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

Provincial Superior Mission.

REPLY TO ME C/O Box 580, Lisbon, Portugal.

Jan. 12, 1942.

Reverend and Dear Father,

I wish, first, to tender you, and through you, the Very Rev. Superior General and all the Assistants General, my respectful good New Year wishes. The circumstances are not bright, but "hope springs eternal" that Providence will bring back peace and normal life to the nations now at war. May this year not further burden your great responsibilities, but bring you with accumulated merit the glad realisation of our unflinching loyalty in our appointed tasks for Holy Church and our dear Society of Mary.

In mid-December I returned from the visitation of Mr. Halbert's Mission. Counting from date of departure to date of return the trip took almost twelve weeks. The day after I arrived at Vila, we began the annual retreat of the Fathers and Brothers,--of whom twelve had assembled. The Fathers were taken back to their Stations on the Mission launch, and a week or so later I started the rounds on the "St. Joseph", leaving from Port Sandwich, on All Saints' Day for the Stations on Ambrym, visiting then in succession the Stations on Pentecost, Aoba, Santo and the Isles, returning to Port Sandwich just three weeks later. I thus saw every Father in his own home Station, and I am glad to report that I found all in fairly good health and working hard both spiritually in his ministry and materially for means of support. As a whole the Mission, in spite of the war, held up to date given a very good account of itself. My complete report will be kept here until the end of the war. But I can state now that Mr. Halbert, who keeps very fit in body, is infusing new life into the Vicariate and prompts enthusiasm among his Fathers and Sisters. The Bishop gave me Brother Camille to be my companion on the trip around. But Brother Camille, though a charming young man and the pet of all for his expertness in all lines and his readiness to help ever ~~any one~~ ^{any one}, is a bad sailor. The voyage was hard on him. When we got back to Vila, he was absolutely done. We even had to take him to the hospital: malaria had got him. He recovered rapidly, however, and was practically himself again when I left for Sydney, on the 5th Dec. Once more I came out without contracting malaria.

Our ship was still more than a thousand miles away from home, with two stops to make, when Japan began her fireworks. You may, therefore, be sure that we were glad to come again into the Heads.

I found Fr. Boury-Savergne at Villa Maria, where he had arrived two days before me. He does not look so very sick. And I feel sure that he has not T.B. But he got very run-down from too many class-hours a day. That I gathered from his account of how his trouble came about. He is not therefore going to the Blue Mts.--at least not for the present--for he has no cough, never spat blood; he eats well, sleeps well and is not depressed, but remains always joyful. We hope that in a few months' time he will be able to return to his work with a plentiful supply of weight and strength.

Fr. Schwehr wrote to you that Fr. Chol must remain here until next June; that Fr. Boussit was still awaiting an opportunity to go back, which opportunity has not offered yet. Fr. Rigard has weakened considerably, due to the very hot days we experienced lately. Some days last week he could not stand on his feet--yet wanted to walk about. His speech is getting more and more muddled. He may

reach his 90th year, but I am pessimistic about it now.

Fr. Chaize was rather puzzled by the Superior General's decision on his petition to go back to the Solomons: it practically left him the whole responsibility to decide,--subject to the limitations you clearly give in your letter of the 4th Oct. He did not want to insist and decide himself. He found a way out of it, for the time being: it will be better to wait till after the war, as things are not at all reassuring just now on that way, and he would only add to Bishop Wade's headache by presenting him with a new problem.

Did Fr. Boch write to you? He sent all of us here such a most dismal description of his position at Kieta, of his Bishop's disposition in his regard, of his intention of demanding to be transferred to Bishop Aubin's Mission, etc.--in fact, I am letting it all sink in first, and have not yet answered him, wishing to try to soothe his feelings just now so overwrought by his imagination. The war situation, also, may give him something else to think about. We feel for him and would not hurt him, but he should realize that he cannot physically endure life by himself, for he more and more frequently needs medical care and better goals.

I thank you for giving me the names of the four new missionaries accepted for the Solomons (preferably from the A.S. Province. All the four wrote to me about the time I received your letter, that is, when I got back from the Hebrides. Father Conway wrote too saying that he was ready to make the sacrifice of that in favor of the Missions and asking when they should report here. After consulting the Fathers of the council it decided that owing to the new developments in the Pacific and the definite worsening of travel conditions we should ask the Provincial of N.S. to employ them for another introductory college term, or even a whole year, until we can safely get them to their respective Missions. The council did not determine which missionary would go where,--that was left for further debate when we have more of each one's notes; except, however, that the Brother (Chasol) should not be sent to the Hebrides, for the reasons you mentioned in your letter, and because I know that he would not, in all probability, feel at home there, as he may not be familiar with the French language and French customs. If you could in the meantime tell us where each of those missionaries might go, we would feel thankful. We are having our annual retreat next week, from the 15th to the 24th, after it, we shall tentatively their destinations and let you know, so that the Fathers and the Brother may know in time and prepare and tell their folks and their prospective Bishops.

Talking of Brothers, I have now to let you know of the decision taken by Brother Auguste (of Vila) to leave the Society. At the beginning of last year he told Bishop Halbert that he wanted to be relieved of his vows and go back to his family. The Bishop wrote to me about it. I advised both that I would look into the case when I went for the visitation. The Brother kept on with his duties, behaved as usual,--he never was very fervent, they tell me--but he did nothing really reprehensible, though he was childish for amusements such as hunting, fishing, riding, etc. I saw, when I got there that his mind was made up. No reasoning with him could have any effect. I even offered to take him with me to Sydney, and give him work at Villa Maria, have him learn any trade he might like to choose. So, he wanted to ask the Apostolic Delegate for dispensation and go home to Noumea. So far as we could ascertain he had no attachment with anyone. Finally I told him to do as he wished. He wrote, showed his letter to his Bishop and to me. It was written in respectful style, without one word of criticism or

blame on anybody; he only stated his reason--that he found the burden of his religious profession too heavy to bear, and wished it to be lifted from him. His Excellency granted his request on Dec. 22/41, and I forwarded the document to him through his Bishop on the 2nd Jan. 1942. May God continue to protect and bless him away from the helps the S.M. gives his subjects.

Brother Anthony, who is still here, has not changed. He is just as bitter as ever against Fr. D. Coic, his Bishop and myself, and the Superiors generally. I told you how he had asked to be sent to another Mission, and how I had insisted, first, on his forgetting his would-be wrongs and restoring peace and quiet to his soul (Sept. 16 last.) I mentioned also that he had then asked Fr. Hurley to take him into the Aust. Province. Tired of waiting, last week he wrote an abundant note to Fr. Hurley with the intent to hurry on a decision as to "let him know where he stood". He therein threatens either to go off as a soldier or to get out of the Society. I tried to reason with him last week; but he would not listen to me; he was even insulting in his language. Now, he is in the mill-up, he has earned the physical excommunication. He refused my offer to apply for his exclusion as a Lay-Brother, like Brother Andrew. So I have decided to let him go, if he is called up. Time and separation may bring a change of heart. If not I shall advise him to get a dispensation, too, from the Apostolic Delegate.

We may have Fr. Guillaume here for a spell. His name was all but closed last month; but we have not heard of it since. He is still detained at Noumea. If he comes I may require him to act in his time as a Second-Voice together with Fr. Boury-Lewer. Fr. Wheeler and I did not intend to hold a Novitiate this year, for obvious reasons. But both Bishops have asked us could these two Fathers, who have so put in a few months at Villa Maria, somehow make their Novitiate. If Father General allows it and prescribes the modifications he may deem necessary from the usual rule of the Second-Voice, on account of the times and the health condition of Fr. Boury-L., we shall be glad to accommodate Bishops Branson and Halbert.

I ought to mention in this connection that the last Novitiate was three weeks short from the start, because Fr. Cont. had to be operated on for appendicitis in the early days of May and Fr. Cont. was late by the same three weeks in getting here. Yet we finished the Novitiate on the 1st Nov. just the same as usual. The Council will next week pass on the notes of last year's Novices in view of their call to the vow of stability.

You have no doubt received the sad news of the drowning of two Sisters S.M. at Kespel. --Mrs. M. Jean-Mades and M. Virginia. We have no further details yet of the deplorable accident. You may have heard too that ten Sisters S.M. and all the Marist Sisters have gone from Tonga to N.Z. Also, that by Government orders to evacuate all women in New Guinea, all our Nurses have returned about 14 days ago. They are now going with the Aust. Forces.

I still have Fr. Pod.'s absolution, not knowing where to send it. I shall hasten to forward it to him as soon as the thing is feasible.

Later, if I may, --but I doubt it--I shall get a list of the Fathers, Brothers and their actual Stations in our Missions.

There are anxious days ahead for us all especially for you at the Mother-House and for our Bishops now in the war zone.

With all trust in God and Our Lady,
with deep Marist sympathy and sincere loyalty,
with respectful good wishes,

S.M.

Mr. David Sing,
Engadine,
N.S.W.

Dear David,

Thanks for your thoughtful letter
of the 5th Jan.

I am glad that you have decided to take up the contemplative life when conditions permit your joining an Order consecrated to it. Personally I have doubted your vocation to such an Order, and if I offered no remark before this, it is because I was never consulted, but merely advised resolutions already formed and steps taken to carry these out.

But now I congratulate you and pray that God may preserve the way for you, and that you may keep strongly to your call.

If ever you wish to come for rest or for stay at Villa Maria, consider the old Monastery as your interior home. We shall welcome you and assure you the liberty you formerly enjoyed with us.

God bless you.

Pray for our Missions now in the zone of war.

Yours faithfully in J.C.S.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Very Rev. J. V. Grove, S.M.,
Suva, Fiji.

Jan. 17, 1948.

Dear Father Grove,

Herewith please find His Excellency's reply to your double enquiry in your letter of the 5th inst.

Doubting whether you have on hand the Australian Catholic Record, I have copied the whole document referred to in the April No. 1948, which I attached to the Paley's letter.

I thank you for the news you gave me. We have received to-day further details from Mr. M. Macdonald.

We are all well enough and preparing to go on around sunset. Fathers and Brothers, to-morrow night. Mother's Union and Ladies, and Fr. M. who will join us. Love for the lot.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in C. J.

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Officer in Charge
Police Station,
Hunter's Hill.

Jun. 30, 1942.

Dear Sir,

You are doubtless aware of the reason why Rev. Reme Centauro, S.M. is so proud of one of the "daughters" of Villa Maria Convent.

Now there appeared in "The Sun", yesterday evening, and in the "Sydney Morning Herald", yesterday morning, news regarding the restricting further the movements of enemy aliens. They say they are to go from their own Police District or Districts to another without a special permit from their own Police District Authority.

For his own benefit and for the good of all concerned, may I beg that you decline to grant Rev. Centauro, S.M. an exemption from said regulations or to give him a permit to remove him to another Police District on his own request, but only if Mr. J. J. Schlichter, the Superior of Villa Maria, or agent of the "Catholic Mission" (of which Villa Maria Convent is the headquarters) submit a reason to your approval for granting a permit to Father Centauro.

Hoping that this request will not unduly inconvenience you and thanking you in anticipation, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

E. J. Bergeron, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Very Rev.J.M.Orevo,S.M.,
Suva,Fiji.

Feb.2,1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Orevo,

In virtue of the extraordinary powers granted Highest Local Superiors by the Holy See,I have the pleasure of advising you that,after duly consulting the members of the Provincial Council,I hereby call Rev.Fathers John Walter and Joseph Desbois to their vow of Stability.

Please find enclosed the forms that are to be filled in triplicate for each Profession. One copy is retained for your archives, and two are returned to me.

Will you kindly take the vows of those two Confreres where and when convenient to you and to Frs.Walter and Desbois. You are hereby respectfully delegated for the purpose. Thank you.

We are all well at Villa Maria,where there is nothing new to report. But at Teongabbie to-day there is a ceremony of Profession of a dozen Novices at the end of their Novitiate.

I hope you not had yet had,--and will never receive--a disagreeable visit from the Japs.

Let us hear from you now and then.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Rev.John Walter,S.M.,
Wairiki,
Taveuni,
Fiji.

Feb.2,1942.

Dear Father Walter,

In virtue of extraordinary powers granted by the Holy See to Local Highest Superiors, I have the pleasure to advise you that you are hereby called to pronounce your vow of Stability in the Society of Mary. The Provincial Council has favorably passed on your notes and voted for me to issue the call. Your Very Rev.Pro-Vicar has been advised likewise and empowered to receive your profession when and where it will be convenient to him and to you. Likewise the official forms to fill after the vow are reaching Fr.Oreve by this same mail.

I congratulate you on the happy issue of your Second-Novitiate and on your call and tender you my sincere good wishes.

We are all well here, and no encounter yet with the Japs, and I wish you the same...Fr.Boussit was not so fortunate as you were: he is still trying a way out to his Mission.

There is a grand ceremony at Toongabbie to-day: the Profession of a dozen Novices at the close of their year's Novitiate. But I do not think that any invitations were sent out for it.

With kindest wishes,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Rev.Joseph Desbois,S.M.,
Varoka,
Ba P.O.,
Fiji.

Feb.2,1942.

Dear Father Desbois,

In virtue of the extraordinary powers granted by the Holy See to Local Highest Superiors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you are hereby called to pronounce your vow of stability in the Society of Mary. The Provincial Council has favorably passed on your notes and voted for me to issue the call. Your Very Rev.Vicar has been likewise advised and empowered to receive your profession when and where it will be mutually convenient. The official forms to fill after the vow are reaching Fr.Ore by this same mail.

I congratulate you on the happy issue of your Second-Novitiate and on your call, and tender you my sincere good wishes.

We are all well here, and not yet been visited by the Japs. I hope they will keep well out of the way of Fiji, too. Our friend Fr.Soussi is still with us trying to find a way back to his Mission. Not an easy thing just now.

There is a grand profession ceremony at Teongabbie to-day; but I do not think that any invitations for it were sent out.

With all good wishes,

Yours fraternally in J. .J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,
Provincial.

Mr. W. J. Dellow,
Secretaty-General
Australian Holy Catholic Guild,
197 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

Feb. 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. Dellow,

On behalf of the Marist Missions I wish to thank you most sincerely for the thoughtful message of sympathy which the Australian Holy Catholic Guild has conveyed to us in the hour of our affliction. It is a great consolation to know that devoted friends and prayerful souls stand by to comfort us in our sadness at sight of advancing crippling or complete destruction of a hundred years of apostolic labours in the difficult Missions of the Pacific. God bless you and the A.H.C.G.

The cause of our greatest anxiety at present is the uncertainty of the situation in our Marist Missions. The first items of news were decidedly bad:--Kieta taken, Nuka occupied (both in Bishop Wade's Mission; Tulagi bombed (Bishop Aubin's); Pago-Pago bombarded from the sea (Bishop Dranand's Mission, Samoa). That meant that points as much as three thousand miles apart were attacked, that three of our Mission out of eight were in danger, while others in between those extreme points were evacuating, by Government order the Sisters and the Nuns. But there came a few days later a re-assuring statement by our Deputy-Prime Minister, Mr. Forde, that denied the occupation by the Japanese of any of the places mentioned above. The fact remains that we are in complete ignorance of what is happening out there, for we have not received any mail from them since those first reports and all wireless communication has apparently been cut,--or is it merely controlled from this end?

We still hope for the best.

But we view with deep sympathy the invasions and the consequent losses suffered by our esteemed neighbours in the field, the good Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. May God protect them and all their workers and in His Own good time turn their affliction to joy.

Please extend our profound appreciation of their message to the members of the A.H.C.G.

In grateful acknowledgement and with all good wishes,

I am, Dear Mr. Dellow,

Yours faithfully in J.H.J.,

From:--G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,

MILITARY AUTHORITIES,

NEW ZEALAND.

Feb.3,1942.

Dear Sirs,

In may of 1941 Rev.Father Paul Boussit,S.M. a Missionary for eight years in Tonga,came to Sydney by order of his Religious Superiors for a regulation retreat of six months. The retreat ended on the 1st Nov.last. Since then Fr.Boussit has tried in vain to arrange for his return to Tonga and his missioner work.

His last inquiries for passage,made yesterday,brought out the information that he cannot now get passage even to New Zealand,for the reason that he wants to sail thence to Tonga,and that the Military Authorities,which have taken over the ship that was on the Auckland-Mukualofa run,have so ruled.

Father Boussit holds a Re-Entry Permit issued at Mukualofa by the Honourable the Premier. He has asked me respectfully to apply to you kindly to lift this prohibition in his case and to allow him to sail to New Zealand and thence on the said ship to Tonga,when in your judgment such a passage is possible in view of your requirements and rulings.

If such an exception cannot be made in his favour while the ship is under Military Authority,could you advise me when she is released from military control?

I am writing on Fr.Boussit's behalf,and ~~for~~ references as to my identity and status may be obtained by Catholic Ecclesiastical Authority in New Zealand or from any Marist Fathers there.

A favourable reply would be greatly appreciated by

Yours faithfully,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,

Provincial,Marist Missions.

His Grace
Most Rev. N.T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
Vicariate Office,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Feb. 10, 1942.

Your Grace,

Rev. Mother Chanel, of the Marist Sisters,
whose Communities have been removed to Mittagong, has asked me could
supply a Father from our Villa Maria community to say Mass for them
out there.

I have here at present a priest I can recommend for the post, as
he is agreeable to Your Grace, -- Very Rev. Jean Soury-Lavergne, S.M.,
Pro-Vicar and Vicar Delegate to His Lordship Bishop Brousson of Nou-
mea, New Caledonia, who is here for his health.

If you approve of the candidate will Your Grace kindly issue
him a Pagella of the Faculties of the Archdiocese of Sydney for the
duration of his stay here.

With anticipated thanks,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Provincial, Marist Missions.

Cher Auguste,

J'ai reçu hier apres-midi votre lettre non-datee, me faisant part d'une idee que vous auriez de rester a Sydney et d'y trouver avec l'aide de vos parents de l'ouvrage.

Si vous pouvez faire agreer les Autorites a votre sejour en Australie, je n'y vois aucun inconvenient. Mgr. Halbert, d'ailleurs, dans sa lettre, annoncant votre venue, a bien donne certaines directives a suivre a votre sujet, si vous deviez, comme il le supposait, retourner en Nlle Calédonie; mais il n'a rien dit au sujet de ce que vous vous proposer de faire.

Il serait tout a fait a votre avantage d'apprendre un metier pendant que vous etes la: cela ne vous nuirait aucunement dans le cas d'un retour plus tard a votre pays de naissance.

Toutefois avant de vous decider finalement, je desirerais vous voir. Rien de presse, mais ne disparaissez pas complètement et tout de suite.

Bien a vous en J.M.J.,

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --Rev. J. Andre, S.M.,
Lolopuepue,
N.H.

13 fev. 1942.

Bien cher Pere Andre,

Que j'etais content de recevoir votre lettre, et surtout la nouvelle que vous etes, et avez toujours ete bien portant comme un pont neuf depuis que je fis chez vous un sejour que je n'oublierai pas de sitot. C'est un M. Bruce qui m'avait donne le canard de votre maladie tellement grave quelques jours auparavant qu'il avait cru, si ses affaires ne l'avaient si fortement presse, devoir rester aupres de votre chevet pour vous soigner et--recevoir votre dernier soupir... Alors vous comprenez mon angoisse et le rapport que j'ai fait a Sa Grandeur a mon retour chez lui. Dieu merci, il n'en etait rien: le pauvre M. Bruce a du parler d'un autre--qui? je n'en sais encore rien--qui etait probablement, lors de sa visite, sous le coup d'une forte attaque de malaria.

Esperons que l'emotion que la nouvelle a du creer dans le coeur de Monseigneur vous vaudra plus tot un ppte plus encourageant. Mais ne pourriez-vous pas entre-temps ramasser une collection de mots, d'expressions, --espece de lexique et de grammaire-- de votre colonie de Lolopuepue, pour me l'envoyer un jour. Je sais comme le bon P. Tetevin pour les langues oceanienues, moins theorie ou these intransigeante sur l'unite de toutes ces variations que l'on trouve dans le Pacifique.

Le P. Chol se prepare a se rapatrier. Il est completement refait; il rentre meme avec une fiche en argent en plus dans l'os de la hanche, qu'on avait fixe la pour permettre a l'os casse l'an dernier a se souder plus surement. Restera le P. Soury-Lavergne, fatigued de l'estomac, amecie, menace d'une serieuse complication, dans ce sejour a Sydney pour traitement. Il n'est pas au lit, mais il n'est pas fort, il va sans dire. Un long sejour dans les montagnes nous esperons finir par le guerir totalement.

Autre nouvelle: le P. Nicolas est arrive hier de St. Patrick avec sa Procure, --tranfert complet et definitif. C'est un nouveau chapitre qui s'ouvre dans l'histoire des Missions d'Oceanie.

Au sujet de nos idees moins severes sur les coutumes de vos indigenes, usez de tact et de prudence, tout en restant ferme sur le principe; car il faut bien nous rappeler que les anciennes idees qui ont prevalu ont encore de forts adherents qui ont le merite de longues annees de services aux Hebrides, et qu'il faut autant que possible respecter en raisonnant avec eux, le cas echeant, sur ce qui semble une idee plus pratique et plus vraie.

Au revoir, cher Confrere. Je n'oublierai jamais les deux heureux jours passes en votre aimable compagnie a Lolopuepue. Dieu vous en recompense.

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

Rev. A. Mahen, S.S.S.,
Melbourne, Vic.

6 fev. 1942.

Reverend et cher Pere,

Je recois a l'instant votre petit mot et le cheque de £ 50., honoraire de 200 intentions de Messes pour nos missionnaires. Merci, et Dieu vous le rende, ainsi qu'a la bonne ame donatrice.

La guerre commence a affliger directement nos Missions, qui en avaient bien assez de la subir dans ses contre-coups. Il y a de nos Sœurs, toutes nos Nurses laïques d'évacuées par ordre des autorités civiles; des nouvelles angoissantes ont paru dans les journaux, mais ont été, heureusement niées par le Gouvernement lui. Les Japonais avancent toujours et se rapprochent de nous, c'est le fait. Je vous recommande donc nos missionnaires par tout le Pacifique. Ils ne seront, nous l'espérons bien, pas molestés dans leurs personnes, mais leurs œuvres pourraient bien souffrir énormément. Que Dieu avertisse.

Votre tout reconnaissant en J.M.S.,

Sister Mary Thecla,
Holy Cross Convent,
Edgecliff Rd.,
Bellevue Hill.

Feb. 14, 1942.

Reverend and Dear Sister Mary Thecla,

Your letter of the 9th enclosing cheque for £ 3.3.0, same to cover stipend for a Novena of Masses "to be offered in honour of the Holy Souls for a special intention", was just received this morning.

In thanking you for same, I can assure you that with several Missionaries here at our Monastery it will be an easy and simple matter to comply with the requirements of the novena, which shall begin forthwith.

I thank you, too, for your sympathy with our Missionaries now in the very zone of war. We are very anxious for them; yet we trust that God will continue to protect them from all bodily harm and restrict to a minimum the hardships which they must endure with the populations of their islands. Our Lay Nurses have been compulsorily evacuated to Australia. Our Missionary Sisters in Tonga have been likewise evacuated, without choice, to New Zealand, ~~with~~ the Marist Sisters, and

In the Solomons the Sisters chose to stay on. No news from them since sometime in Dec., and no means of reaching them. What we know of the state of affairs there we get from the papers.

If we had not our faith in God and the holiness of our calling we might well be anguished; yet somehow we retain great confidence, and even the hope that God, Who knows how to draw good out of evil, will, as He has so often done before, make use of our present trials and tribulations for the furtherance of the extension to Christ's Kingdom in the Islands of the Pacific.

With all good wishes and the confident hope of the help of your prayers,

I am, Dear Sister,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.,

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Son Excellence
Mgr.E.Bresson, S.M.,
Noumea, New Calad.

16 fev.1942.

Monseigneur,

Un petit mot pour vous annoncer enfin l'heureuse nouvelle de la liberation complete du P.Chol des soins des docteurs avec la liberte de reintegrer sa Mission. Sans les conditions qui n'encouragent pas de nos jours les voyages en mer, il rentrerait tout de suite en Calédonie. Mais dans les circonstances je ne puis lui ordonner de partir, et ~~il~~ ^{lui} prefererait attendre que la situation devienne plus rassurante. La faute d'un ^{stage} ~~lai~~ supplémentaire a son sejour deja bien suffisant, par se, en Australie, n'est imputable a personne, mais uniquement aux evenements de ces dernieres semaines. Je vous prie donc de patienter encore un peu, malgre la grande penurie de missionnaires ou vous vous trouvez.

Le P.Soury-Lavergne est parti samedi pour entreprendre ses nouveaux devoirs d'amenier aux Soeurs Maristes evequees avec leur ecole a la campagne, au pied des Montagnes Bleues. Le climat ne pourra que beneficier la sante du Pere, qui n'a offert a tous les examens medicaux rien de plus serieux que certains symptomes d'irritations intestinales pouvant degenerer en ulceres. C'est, parait-il, ce qui le retenait dans son etat de maigreur, lui amenait ses frequentes attaques de migraines, etc. etc. Le P.Schwahr l'a accepte comme Second Novice. Je lui ai fait un programme d'exercices et d'etudes, determine les epoques de ses retraites, et l'ai inscrit au registre, officiellement, le 11 fev., Fete de l'apparitions de la Ste Vierge a Lourdes. Nous verrons s'il fera tous les six mois. Cela dependra, en grande mesure, sur son etat de sante: une amelioration satisfaisante et rapide en diminuerait la duree. J'espere que ces quelques indications, que je soumettrai, d'ailleurs au Tres-Rev.Pere, rencontreront vos desirs et votre entiere approbation.

Nous sommes tous bien ici. Mais nous sommes plutot anxieux au sujet de plusieurs de nos Missions dont nous ne recevons plus de nouvelles, avec lesquelles nous ne pouvons communiquer, auxquelles nous ne pouvons plus envoyer de provisions. Oh, prions bien pour que tout ceci finisse bien et bientot. La Providence et notre Bonne Mere nous protegent toujours comme par le passe.

Veuillez me croire de Votre Grandeur,

Le tout devoue serviteur en J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

Copy of Telegramme sent Feb.25th,1942.

MOTHER LOUIS

ORANGE CALIFORNIA

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BERGERON

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Very Rev.Mother Louis,
St.Joseph's Convent,
Orange,Cal.,U.S.A.

Feb.25,1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Mother,

I am writing a few words to supplement a telegramme sent you this morning concerning your four Missionary Sisters. A letter from Rev.Fr.J.Tall,S.M., received yesterday,dated Feb.5th has this to say about the personnel of Bishop Wade's Mission:--"I have managed to get a little news of the North Solomons. So far there has been no Japanese occupation. There has been bombing both in Kieta and Buha but no damage to any of our places and no casualties. Bishop Wade is at present in Buha helping to restore order among the natives who appear to have started looting....Father Lepping has been here in Tulagi,helping some of the whites to get south but he is due to return any moment to his place Faisi...I am the only one who is really in any danger at all at the moment so say a special prayer for me from time to time,I shall remain here as long as I am needed and then make my way as best I can to some place of safety. It seems possible that this may be your last letter from this part of the world for a good while so on behalf of all of us I offer our respects and good wishes and ask for the prayers of the confreres in the difficult times to come,and lest you may worry about us please remember that we are all not in the least desirous of getting out to a safer and easier place,we have our people here and we want to stand by them and carry out our duties towards them,if it means sufferings well that is what we have chosen. I do not think many of us,if any,are in any physical danger except myself,the only thing will be privations and hampering of our work which invasion may bring....Only Brother Henry and myself seem to be in any danger whatever and it is practically passed for Brother Henry and for myself you may be sure I have a good hole in which to hide."

From that we know that everybody in both Solomons was well and at his post of duty. Thank God for so much. We still ignore what has happened since the 5th Feb.,but we have good reason to believe that no physical harm will come to anyone,especially our Sisters.

When anything new comes to hand I shall pass it on to you without delay.

I need not ask you to pray for our Missionaries scattered throughout the Pacific: you have become obligated to them through your devoted Sisters in the field.

With respectful regards and sincere good wishes,
Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

From: --G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To Rev.J.B.Capesius, S.M.,
365 Haverhill St.,
Lawrence, Mass., U.S.A.

Feb. 27, 1942.

Dear Father Capesius,

I hereby thankfully acknowledge receipt of your note and cheque for 20.00 dol. for Fr.Grisward, No.Solomons. You certainly acted with intelligence when you addressed same to me, for you could not now reach Fr.Grisward--all communication with the Solomons has ceased, and all our letters and goods are returning. But we shall "freeze" this gift for him, and when circumstances again become normal, he will be glad to have something to start with.

It was nice to receive word from you and to know that you are still of the land of the living and mindful of our hard-pressed Missions. God bless you. Greetings to all Confreres.

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

Rev. Bro. Claude, Principal,
Marist Brothers' School,
Innisfail, Nth. Bld.

Mar. 11, 1948.

Reverend and Dear Brother,

I thankfully acknowledge receipt of your note of the 5th and the offering for four Masses to be said to the intentions mentioned by you.

We cannot now communicate with our Fathers in the Solomons, but the Masses will be said by Missionaries in other Missions, so as to avoid delay, and as soon as it becomes possible the Solomons will have a corresponding number of intentions.

A cable message received yesterday from Bishop Lubin again told us that the whole missionary staff--that includes your Brothers out there--is well. Thank God for that bit of information, meagre as it is.

I had the sad privilege of singing the solemn Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's College, last Saturday for your venerated late Superior General. I had had the honour of meeting him as well as Rev. Bro. Francis Borgia in 1935, after our General Chapter, as I came through Turin. May they rest in peace.

Yours faithfully in J.M.J.

Very Rev. Monsignor J. Toohey,
Archbishop's Secretary,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Mar. 9, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

Reverend Mother J. Chanel, of the Marist Sisters now at Mittagong, asked Rev. Father L. Schwehr, S.M., who was their Ordinary Confessor while they were at Woolwich, to give their two Communities each a retreat.

As Father Schwehr was not on the last list of the priests approved for retreats to Communities I hereby respectfully beg that His Grace grant him permission and the necessary faculties to give these two retreats.

Father Schwehr is the Master of our Second-Novices at Villa Maria and Superior of the Monastery. I can therefore recommend him for those retreats the Rev. Mother has asked him to give her two Communities.

Hoping, Monsignor, that I am following the right procedure, and thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours respectfully in J.M.I.,

Provincial, Marist Missions.

Son Excellence
Mgr. E. Bresson, S.M.,
Noumea, Nlle Calédonie.

12 mars, 1942.

Monseigneur,

Le porteur de cette feuille,

Auguste Fogliani, a été dument dispensé de ses vœux de Religion, comme Frère Co-adjuteur de la Société de Marie, par Son Excellence le Délégué Apostolique, Monseigneur J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D., le 22 décembre, 1941.

Auguste Fogliani n'a donc plus de devoirs envers la Société de Marie ni celle-ci d'obligations envers le dit Auguste Fogliani.

Il a toutefois été fourni d'habits nécessaires, et son passage à son pays et à sa famille a été défrayé par le Vicariat des Nouvelles Hébrides.

Il me reste à recommander Auguste Fogliani à votre paternelle charité et bienveillance.

De Votre Grandeur l'humble serviteur en J. J. J.,

Provincial.



Very Rev.T.V.Cahill,D.D.,Ph.D.,
Secretary to the Apostolic Delegate,
40 Edward St.,
No.Sydney.

Mar.12,1942.

Very reverend and Dear Monsignor,

I received a letter
yesterday from the Very Rev.Fr.J.M.Orevo,S.M.,Sava,which contained
the present enclosure addressed to His Excellency the Apostolic Dele-
gate.

I am forwarding it to you without delay.

Very respectfully yours in J.M.J.,

Provincial,Marist Missionary.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegation,
40 Edward St.,
North Sydney.

Feb. 14, 1948.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter of His Lordship, Most Rev. J. Prasson, S.M., Vicar-Apostolic of New Caledonia, handed in to me by Rev. Fr. J. Rouel, S.M. last night.

Father Rouel asks me respectfully to convey to Your Excellency his humble apologies for the untidiness of the envelope stained in transit, through some carelessness on his part.

Your Excellency's respectful and obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Provincial, Marist Missions.

Rev. Mother Sub-Prioress,
Marie de St. Pierre, D.C.,
Carmelite Monastery,
Hardell Rd.,
Dulwich Hill.

Mar. 14, 1942.

Reverend Mother Sub-Prioress,

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. I wish to convey to you and Community deep sympathy due to the illness of the Reverend Mother, for whom I shall ask the prayers of the Fathers and the Sisters of Villa Maria, Hunter's Hill.

As for your request, I do not see how I could well refuse to grant it. Kindly ask His Grace the Archbishop the necessary facilities for me, and when you receive them, please let me know when I may report at your Monastery to take up the duties of Ordinary Confessor.

Recommending self and our dear Missions in the Pacific to the prayers of your Community, I am, Dear Mother Sub-Prioress,

Yours respectfully in J.H.J.,

Miss K. Kelly, T.O.M.,
Club House Hotel,
Hillston, N.S.W.

Mar. 14, 1942.

Dear Tertiary of Mary,

I wish thankfully to acknowledge your offering for the Pacific Missions and your very thoughtful prayers for them at a time when they are receiving a supreme test. God bless you.

We are not anticipating, however, among their personnel many casualties--they have sustained none so far--though some have been compulsorily evacuated; but they will certainly have to suffer much from necessary restrictions and lack of many things and hampering of their accustomed work before conditions are again normal,--and when?

So far only the No. Solomons have been invaded, and we have no further news from them. Several others are expecting invasion, unless the tide turns. May kind Providence protect our Fathers, Brothers and heroic Sisters. I need not add a request for prayers from you, but have your friends join you in your daily suffrage for them all.

Yours thankfully in J.M.J.,

Messrs Makinson & D'Apice,
Lisgar House,
Wynyard Square,
Sydney.

Mar. 14, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

RE VAN DAMAGE.

I have to thank you sincerely for your two communications with reference with the above matter: that of the 4th Mar., and the other of the 13th Mar.

In fact we were just waiting for some such notification as yours of the 13th Mar. contained, and as soon as we get Consignor Clark's letter, we shall get busy preparing our return. For this I may need your assistance or advice, which, I know you will give with your customary courtesy and kindness.

Yours faithfully,

Very Rev. D. Hurley, S.M.,
St. Patrick's Presbytery,
Church Hill, Sydney.

Mar. 14, 1942.

Dear Father Hurley,

Here is what Very Rev. Fr. Dubois says in his letter received here on the 13th inst concerning:--

1)---Fr. Roche.---"Now there is Fr. Roche who twice this year applied to be sent back to Fiji. Of course we would have no objection to his returning there, if his Provincial would let him go willingly. I think all would welcome him back in Fiji. But we suspect that he is rendering greater services where he is than he would in the missions. However you might talk the matter over with Fr. Hurley." (The underline above is his.)

2)---Bro. Anthony.---"For Brother Anthony, do the best you can in agreement with Bishop Ansin and let us know the result." Fr. Dubois' letter is dated La Seyliere, Dec. 16, 1941, and I wrote to him on the 18 Feb. this year. He has not received that yet. But in this last letter to Fr. Dubois I only mentioned that Bro. Anthony was always in the same dispositions.

Concerning Fr. Roche, I wish to add that I never said one word for or against his return to Fiji in any letter that I wrote to Headquarters, for the simple reason that I do not know the reasons for his recall from Fiji. Besides, *actatus habet*, and he seems to be doing very well without help.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

Rev. Mother Sub-Prioress,
Carmelite Monastery,
Dulwich Hill.

Mar. 24, 1948.

Reverend and Dear Mother Sub-Prioress,

I had the pleasure of seeing the Rev. Mother Prioress yesterday at the Lewisham Hospital for detailed arrangements regarding day and hour of confessions at the Monastery. Will Thursday morning do, say about nine o'clock? Some days there may be a slight delay, but you will overlook that as unavoidable.

Another thing--next week is Holy Week, and if I should have to officiate anywhere, the hour of confession might again be put off. But a telephone ring will settle that early in the week.

I am sending you the Archbishop's letter of Faculties, which please retain to return it to His Grace when the time comes.

Is there a black cassock in reserve in your wardrobe? If not, it will be necessary for me to take mine down with me.

It was gratifying to find the Rev. Mother Prioress so greatly much improved and on the way to her former health. God grant it.

Yours respectfully in J. C. J.

Very Rev.D.Hurley,S.M.,
137 Harrington St.,
Sydney.

Mar.25,1942.

Dear Father Hurley,

There is hitch in our well-intentioned plan concerning Bro.Anthony. This evening when I told him what Fr.Dubois had written to me and added that you and I had come to an agreement about him,he said that he had placed his case before the Apostolic Delegate,that it was not only a matter of change of Provinces--leading me to understand that he meant to leave the Society,as he had hinted to it long ago,before he had applied to you for acceptance in your Province.

With his usual tact he acted without warning either of us.

There is now nothing to do but to wait the Apostolic Delegate's decision. I am sorry that you have been put to inconvenience for a possible exchange of Brothers. Events will dictate a line of action.

Thanking you for your cooperation and hoping for the best,

I am, Dear Father,

Yours sincerely in C.M.S.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J.M. Greve, S.M.,
Suva, Fiji.

April 1, 1942.

Dear Father Greve,

Enclosed please find forms for the perpetual profession to which Father Tito Daurawa, S.M., is officially called. You are delegated to receive his vows, but if more convenient, you are empowered to sub-delegate any Father to replace you. You may likewise sub-delegate Fr. Dupont, as you suggest in your letter of the 24th Feb. to receive the vow of stability of Fr. Desbois. In all cases please remind the Father who is to receive the profession that he must have two witnesses, who are required to sign the papers with him and the newly professed.

Of the three forms to be filled for each taking of the vows, you keep one for your archives, and send us the other two.

I thank you for all the news you give us about the changes recently made in your Mission. I was particularly glad to learn of the satisfactory turn the Lapiente affair has taken.

We were really moved by your appeal for help, as the state of health and old age of so many of your Fathers truly bolster up your claim; but the Council have decided not to send any more missionaries to the islands in the present circumstances, and we have already apprised Very Rev. Father Conway to employ the missionaries you allude to the best way he can until they are called for,--and they cannot be called for during a college term. We have taken note of your appeal, and it will receive due consideration as soon as conditions become satisfactory. The Mother-Home may by that time have issued orders that we shall have to obey, though in the meantime it has left final disposal of the missionaries accepted from New Zealand entirely at our decision.

Poor Father Procurator. His job has become impossible on account of war restrictions on shipping, so he worries and mourns. Yet, there is nothing he can do about it. But you can be sure that he is doing his very best to keep the Missions still in communication with us as well supplied as possible.

So far we have not had to record a single casualty, thank God.

But while we are thankful, we must not let up in our prayers for each and all of our Marist Missions now so sorely tried.

Yours very truly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

Very Rev. J. Bell, S.M.,
St. John's College,
Lismore, N.S.W.

April 1, 1942.

Dear Father Bell,

I have to thank you for the 137 Mass intentions you have sent us and the covering offerings per cheque for £ 34. 5. 6. We shall be able to take care of them commencing on them without delay.

I am glad you liked Fr. Wall's letter. I thought you would. Copies of it had been forwarded at the time to L.S., to Fr. Crocker and all other friends and relatives of Fr. Wall and the missionaries he mentioned must have come by it. But I have heard since,--[just orally--that Fr. Wall is now parading the beach at Telok in military uniform...I hope he has not made himself into a soldier; or it may go hard with him, if the Japs come along and mistake his character.

Congratulations on the great numbers of students this year. It means more work and worries to you, but a college is meant for that, isn't it? There must be pep at Woodlawn.

We are not worrying overmuch about the personnel of the Missions--three of them now--out off from Headquarters. The Fathers and the Sisters will not starve, though they may have to put up with more and more restrictions, until normal conditions again prevail; and it is to the invader's interest to use them well, as they are such a force for order, which is all to his advantage. Of course, that will not dispense with the obligation to keep praying for them. God protect them.

With thanks, yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Son Excellence
Mgr. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Vila, N.H.

6 avril, 1944.

Monseigneur,

J'ai bien reçu votre petit mot du 23 mars.
Merci. Je l'ai passé au P. Rou, qui l'a trouvé de son goût et en a bien ri. Sans doute il vous écrira lui-même.

Sr. M. Cyrille, revenue de l'hôpital et en pleine voie de rétablissement, a pu elle aussi jouir de la lettre que vous m'aviez demandée de lui passer. On vous a, je crois, déjà dit que sa maladie n'était pas la chose sérieuse que l'on avait craint; mais seulement des adhérences endurcies par le temps dans les intestins. Une opération, pendant laquelle on lui enleva l'appendix, puisqu'on y était, ne révéla pas autre chose. En effet, les obstacles intestinaux enlevés, elle se mit à manger à prendre des forces, etc. Elle sera bientôt saine qu'elle n'a jamais été. Et vous pouvez vous imaginer quel soulagement elle a ressenti de la conviction qu'elle n'a pas de cancer.

Le Frère Auguste est rentré dans sa famille, enfin... Il a fallu être sévère ici à son égard, car il croissait toujours comme si dans ces pays et en temps de guerre, tout pouvait se faire à la bonne franquette. Je lui ai fourni au départ une lettre pour Mgr. Breton. -- lettre je lui lu -- ou il était dit bien clairement qu'il n'a plus d'obligations à la Société, ni la Société aucun devoir ou obligation envers lui. Lui-même ne fera certainement pas de misère à la Société, mais d'autres plus vaillants pourraient essayer de le pousser à tenter des démarches; il est si faible...

C'est une bonne nouvelle que vous me donnez du P. Loubière. Espérons que sa plaie ne se rouvrira point.

L'appareil du P. Loubière est depuis longtemps réparé, et n'attend qu'une occasion pour lui revenir. Veuillez l'en avertir, afin qu'il sache bien que je ne l'ai pas oublié.

Les meilleurs souhaits de bonnes Pâques à Votre Grandeur et à tout votre personnel.

Croyez-moi, Monseigneur, votre tout dévoué G. E. J. J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: -- Most Rev. J. Darnand, S.M.,
Apia,
Western Samoa.

Apr. 6, 1941.

Monsieur,

Je vous remercie, tout d'abord, de votre bonne lettre du 16 février qui contenait, malgré tout, tant de bonnes choses. Soyez-en félicité, et Dieu en soit rendu nos humbles actions de grâce. La guerre nous fait passer par des circonstances bien pénibles; et il n'y a qu'à nous incliner devant elle. Mais vous la-bas, et nous ici, nous avons à nous estimer heureux, si nous nous comparons aux Confrères des Vicariats de l'enseignement. Fais, Ponsot et Aubin; le premier est occupe, le deuxième est non-révisé depuis un an et demi, et le dernier semble incolore, au moins de notre bout.

Les lettres, toutefois datées de 9 et 10 mars nous renseignent sur l'état du personnel: tout le monde est bien. Rien en soit tant.

Cette année aura vu le Pater le Centenaire de l'année, et l'année prochaine celui de la Nlle Calédonie. Le premier devra se faire en famille et sur place. Quant au second, qui pourra-t-il être différent? Étant donné, par exemple, les trépassés de ceux que nous traversons? À la grâce de Dieu.

Je suis bien aise d'apprendre que vos Pères et vos Sœurs sont à l'œuvre et pleins de courage. C'est bien la l'attitude qu'il faut prendre et préserver: nous humainement parlant, le travail assidu change la frayeur et les imaginations, toujours pires que la réalité. Mais nous avons en plus comme religieux et missionnaires d'autres motifs autrement puissants.

Le P. Schwehr doit vous fournir toutes les nouvelles de Sydney: je n'ai pas à vous les répéter. Que l'on ne pense pas que les temps difficiles nous enlèvent toutes occupations et préoccupations; tout au contraire: dans ces moments troubles, les choses équilibrées s'inquiètent ou chavirent. Je n'entrerai pas dans les détails; mais je n'aurais pas cru possibles de telles aberrations d'esprit. Beaucoup de cas, ordinairement réservés à la Maison-Mère, sont à résoudre ici, tant pour Pères, Frères que pour Sœurs. Le P. Procureur est à bout d'artifices pour ravitailler les Missions au milieu d'une inondation de règlements, sans cesse se multipliant, qui ont fini par se faire retirer d'affaires des hommes comme notre cher Monsieur Reed. Malgré tout, ça marche clopin-clopant. Puisse la Bonne Providence nous protéger et guider ainsi jusqu'à la fin de la tourmente.

Le P. Rigard est toujours le même; un peu plus faible, peut-être.

Le P. Boussit a pu s'embarquer enfin pour réintégrer sa Mission.

Pour moi, plus de visite possible avant que les choses prennent une tournure bien différente dans nos îles. Je me recommande à vos bonnes prières, et me souscris de Votre Grandeur,

Le tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Son Excellence
M^r. E. Bresson, S.M.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

Apr. 6, 1942.

Monsieur,

Les nouvelles que je vais vous donner seront plutôt fragmentaires: on les complètera plus tard. Patience, donc.

D'abord le P. Soury-Lavergne. Il va toujours assez bien. Quelques-uns croient qu'il a déjà meilleure mine depuis qu'il reste à Nittarong. Je suis peut-être exagérant, mais je n'ai pu remarquer de gain de sa cote. Le M^re L. Chamel, qui surveille son régime, assure qu'il y est fidèle. Le Père est venu faire sa première retraite à Villa Maria, dernière moitié de mars; il y est une seule nuit. Il se moque bien encore, au moins en paroles, des sottises, de leurs digues et de leurs régimes; mais je lui vois bien couramment sur son cas: qu'il était venu pour se refaire à Sydney, et qu'il allait obéir. Il fit un acte parfait de soumission. Nous avons donc bon espoir de vous le rendre à la fin de son noviciat, -- car il lui faudra tout ce temps -- en parfait état de santé.

Depuis quelques semaines nous faisons notre possible pour vous rendre votre grand malade ramené à la santé et enfin déclaré libre par la Faculté de se repatrier. Mais, voilà, tout en faisant semblant de vouloir rentrer en sa Mission, nous voyons bien qu'il désire rester ici à ne rien faire qu'à embêter les autres: il n'a plus ce sang-froid naturel ou de caractère d'avant-maladie. Tous ses papiers sont prêts. Nous n'attendons qu'une occasion pour l'expédier. Mais il veut choisir... et par les temps qui courent... l'aurait pourtant pas nous servir de la Police. C'est vous dire que vous auriez entre les mains un instrument de travail pas bien maniable. Il vous ne permettez quelques mots d'avis à son sujet, je dirais qu'il ne faut pas qu'il soit seul; -- et cependant pourriez-vous trouver un confrère assez ferme et d'une bonté patiente, à toute épreuve, qui l'accepte comme compagnon et collaborateur. Il ne peut rien se refuser, et surtout se le voir refuser. Même ici je n'ai pas réussi à lui faire porter ses habits: on s'imaginerait facilement que dans une station il peut être d'un négligé scandaleux. Son système ébranlé par sa terrible maladie ne saurait, non plus, être exposé aux mêmes causes qui l'ont précipitée. J'ai toute confiance que Votre Grandeur trouvera, malgré tout, d'en tirer le meilleur parti.

L'arrivée du P. Rouel nous a pris par surprise. Il est à souhaiter qu'il rentre bien vite reprendre son travail; car, actif et plein de vie comme il est, il ne s'accommodera guère au genre de vie que peut lui offrir Villa Maria.

Vous avez bien fait d'utiliser le P. Guillaume dans votre Vicariat, en attendant. Il devait venir ici faire son Second-Noviciat; mais vu la pénurie universelle de missionnaires nous n'avons pas eu continuer l'œuvre d'ici la fin de la guerre. D'ailleurs un peu de ministère chez vous pourrait lui faire du bien à plusieurs points de vue.

Oui, j'avais entendu dire, je ne sais par qui, que le P. Robert était mobilisé. C'est bien dommage; et c'est vous priver encore d'un autre missionnaire. Espérons, et prions que son séjour à la caserne ne lui enlève aucunement son élan et son zèle.

La Sœur M. Cyrille est en bonne voie de guérison. Elle n'avait pas de cancer; mais seulement des adhésions endiguées dans les intestins. C'est en l'opérant que l'on fit la découverte, car les rayons X avaient, en effet, montré un corps étranger dans la région. On lui enleva l'appendix en passant, pour ainsi dire; puis on la débarrassa de ses adhésions. Ce fut vite fait. Elle est de retour au courant depuis plus d'une semaine, et en gagne tous les jours.

Vous avez su, sans doute, que les Indiennes Mgr. Wade & Co. étaient occupées. Plus de nouvelles de la. Les lettres de chez Mgr. Aubin, datées du 9 mars disent que tout le personnel est bien. Le pays n'est pas encore occupé. Mgr. Ponget nous a adressé récemment la Messe, tout dernièrement: un seul mot: "Thanks". C'est tout en conclusion que la aussi tout le monde est bien. Plus d'envois possibles à aucune de ces trois Missions.

En union de prières,

De Votre Grandeur,

Le serviteur deservé en C. B. C.,

C. B. C. Mission, P. M.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. P. Schahl, S.M.,
Mus,
Nukualofa,
Tonga Is.

Apr. 7, 1943.

Bien cher Confrere,

Vous avez été bien aimable--même si vous l'avez fait sur la demande du bon Père Herrmann--de m'écrire quelques détails sur sa maladie et sur l'opération qu'elle a nécessitée. Heureusement ce n'était pas très sérieux, et voilà notre Père en pleine convalescence. Sous peu il se remettra au travail comme avant. Des vœux. *Saites lui mes condoléances, mes félicitations, etc. etc.*

Vous me faites vos vœux de bonne nuit. Je vous en remercie, et prie le Bon Dieu et la Ste Vierge de vous bénir et de vous protéger durant ces mauvais temps. Comme vous ne dites rien de votre santé, j'en conclus qu'elle est ou ne peut mieux. Vous n'avez pas eu la droite d'idée qu'avec la Sr. M. Albine d'aller se casser un bras. Encore, si c'était une jambe, comme elle court tous jours, vous nous expliquerions son accident; mais un bras, ... quelle idée.

Sans doute le P. Boussit arrivera avant la lettre. Il vous donnera toutes les nouvelles de Sydney. Il nous manque beaucoup lui, car il s'est montré un charmant confrère,--et entre nous, il parvenait à tirer passablement bien au "snooker" et au billard.

Mes salutations aux Pères et aux Sœurs.

A vous mes meilleurs souhaits de santé, de paix intérieure et de mérites dans votre ministère de missionnaire.

Votre tout dévoué J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. L. Soubeyran, S.M.,
Upu,
Rotuma,
Fiji:

Apr. 7, 1942.

Bien cher Confreere,

J'ai eprouve une grande joie a vous lire. Merci de votre bonne lettre; merci de vos souhaits de bonne annee. Vous avez bonne memoire, pour vous souvenir de tous ces details de l'an 1929. Que c'est deja loin, tout cela. Malgre cela, je suis invite a repeter la serie de retraites l'annee prochaine a Fiji. Cela dependra, naturellement, de bien des choses: la guerre, le nouvel Eveque, le Centenaire de la Mlle Calcedonia, etc. etc., et si Dieu nous prete vie. Je ne vois pas si loin d'avance. Mais le ne cache pas que cela me ferait plaisir, --d'y revoir tous mes anciens amis, mes chers Confreeres.

Ce serait l'occasion aussi de faire la visite officielle du Vicariat, et, comme que compte, je ferais le voyage de Rotuma, --comme s'il fallait encore vous embarquer pendant trois mois, vous et le Pere Griffon.

Comment vous donner des nouvelles? Les ravissements de guerre sont si exigeants et si severes; et nous ne voulons, d'ailleurs, aucunement les enfreindre. Deja trois de nos Missionnaires sont absents. D'autres sont menaces. Mais, Dieu merci, point de pertes ou de personnes ou de materiel jusqu'ici signalees. Tous les Peres et Freres, et presque toutes les Soeurs sont restes a leurs postes. Et nous ne sommes pas trop occupees sur leur compte: Dieu les protegera. Details de ce nous ne puissons pas partir d'ici les Soeurs destinees aux Missions; mais les Peres peuvent s'aventurer. Ainsi, sur la fin de 1941, j'ai fait une visite officielle la des Reunions. Ainsi, encore, le P. Touchet vient de rentrer. Le P. Renel est venu de la Calcedonia et doit y retourner, ainsi que le P. Chel, maintenant guerri. Il semble, de nous, que vous n'avez rien a craindre, si loin et si isolees.

Tout le monde a la Maison-Mere est bien et tâche de s'occuper du mieux possible en faisant des retraites aux communions. Le P. Courtois fait du jardinage et bache du bois, n'ayant plus de comptes a tenir. C'est vous encore qui etes les plus heureux, avec votre ministere et votre routine quotidienne, sans manquer jusqu'ici du necessaire.

Priez bien pour nous, priez bien pour toutes nos Missions.

Mes salutations au Pere Griffon et a toutes les Soeurs de Rotuma. Dieu vous benisse et vous accorde tout le merite de votre saint ministere.

Bien a vous en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Apr. 7, 1948.

Your Excellency,

A telephone call to-day from the Headquarters of the British Solomon Is. Colony Administration transmitted to me a message from the Deputy High Commissioner at Tulagi, the Capital of the British Solomon Islands, which gave us a shock. It said that news had come through to the Residency at Tulagi that Bishop Wade, Father Hennessy and Father Conley have been taken to Rabaul, prisoners of war. I shall have the exact wording when a copy of the message is sent me by post; and if there should be any material difference from the above, I shall immediately communicate the document to Your Excellency.

The effect of the first shock was mitigated by what a Father Missionary of the Sacred Heart just told us, a few minutes ago, that all missionaries that were taken prisoners in their Mission had been placed at the Vunakanau Station. If such is the case for Bishop ~~Wade and his two companions~~ Wade and his two companions, they will be well cared for; though they will feel sorely being separated from their Mission, especially the Bishop. Father Hennessy is a priest of the Secular Clergy of the Archdiocese of Boston, who volunteered to give some years to the Mission of the North Solomons.

Your Excellency's obedient son in J.C.J.,

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Right Rev. J. H. Hannan, D.D., Ph.D.,
National Director for the
Propagation of the Faith,
Melbourne, Vic.

Apr. 8, 1942.

Right Reverend Monsignor,

Yesterday we received a telephone call from the Headquarters of the British Solomon Islands' administration in Sydney transmitting to us a message from the Resident Commissioner at Tulagi, the Capital of the British Solomon Is., which gave us shock. It said that news had come through to the Consistency that Bishop Wade, Father Hennessey and Father Sealey have been taken to Rabaul as prisoners of war.

Sometime in the evening, however, the effect of the shock was somewhat mitigated by what a Father M.S.C. told us, namely, that such missionaries as had been interned or taken prisoners were placed at the Mission of Vunagope. If such is the case for Bishop Wade and his two companions, they will be well cared for, and enjoy good company, though deprived of their liberty and held away from their mission and their work.

Father James Hennessey, D.D., Ph.D., you may remember, is the priest from the Boston Archdiocese who volunteered in 1934 to serve for a number of years in Bishop Wade's mission.

I am, Dear Monsignor,

Yours respectfully in C.S.C.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Most Rev. R. Cushing, D.D.,
Director of the Propagation
of the Faith,
49 Franklin St.,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Apr. 10, 1942.

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop Cushing,

I hope you have received my telegramme of even date forwarding the bit of bad news that gave us all a shock here two days ago--that Bishop Fado, Fathers Hennessy and Conley have been made prisoners of war and taken to Rabaul. We do not know exactly when, but you may have the approximate date from what the papers reported about the invasion of the Group. I have learned this that Fr. Hennessy was the first one arrested, in fact perhaps as much as two weeks before the others. Why? We shall probably never know until sometime after the war is over. But this is sure, that they are, each one, men of character and influence, outstandingly so; and that fact may have been sufficient to explain their capture.

I need hardly ask you to convey this news to His Eminence with our sincere sympathy.

All other Fathers there and elsewhere are well and so far unmolested. The same is true of the Sisters, who in some Missions that are threatened, have been assembled in some central station, while in others they are left to carry on where they were before the trouble started.

Naturally, we have been cut off from the invaded Islands. Bishop Aubin has got a letter through as late as the 19th of last month, but his Mission is not yet invaded. Mail, however, from our end cannot reach him. The last thing I did for him was to send him 400 Masses received from your Office. He has been able to acknowledge receipt of them. That will keep his missionaries going for some time;--if the Mass wine does not give out too soon.

Providence now is our Help. Prayers therefore for the Missions in this hemisphere are powerful means,--the only means of obtaining it. Therefore, again, we are not worrying overmuch. Even concerning the three prisoners of war, we were consoled by a Missionary, formerly at Rabaul and to the last in touch with the Mission there, who told us that so far all missionaries interned or arrested by the enemy have been placed at the Central Station of Vunapope. If so, they are in good company and well cared for. It is good to hope so.

Thanking you, Bishop, for all your kindnesses to our Missions through the years,

I am honored to be in J.M.J.,
Yours very respectfully,

From:--G. E. Berperon, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. Mother Louis,
Convent of St. Joseph,
Orange, Cal., U.S.A.

Apr. 10, 194..

Very Reverend Mother,

I hope you have received my telegram of even date forwarding the bit of bad news that gave us all a shock here two days ago,--that Bishop Wade and Fathers Hennessy and Conley have been made prisoners of war and taken to Rabaul. We do not exactly know when that happened, but you may gather the approximate date from newspaper reports on the invasion of the Group. Only I have heard this that Father Hennessy was the first one arrested. No other member of the Mission, Father, Brother or Sister, has been molested up to now. For that we are thankful to All-seeing Providence, who alone can help us now.

I have it, too that the Sisters are gathered into two groups: one where your Sisters are stationed, and the other in the southern part of the Vicariate.

We are now unable to send any provisions to three of our Missions. Even correspondence is being cut off. Nothing to do but to recommend our personnel to All-mighty God. And see how it works:--the very evening we received the bad news given above, a former Missionary of the Sacred Heart Society, who had spent many years in Rabaul, came up here, where I do not think he ever comes, and told us that he knows for a fact that so far all ~~prisoners~~ Missionaries that have been taken prisoners or have been interned, have been placed at their Central Station of Vunapope. If so, then our three captives are in congenial company and well cared for. I consider that visit of the good missionary as providential to re-assure us and keep us from over-worry.

Should I come by more news I shall immediately forward it to you.

Both communities at Villa Maria send greetings to Mother Francis.
Pray for me and for the Missions.

I am, dear Mother,

Yours very respectfully in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.

To:--Mr. William E. Wade,
47 Pearl St.,
Providence, R.I.,
U.S.A.

Apr. 13, 1942.

Dear Mr. Wade,

Your letter of February addressed to Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Wade, S.M., Villa Maria, Sydney, evidently to be forwarded to His Lordship by us, arrived here a couple of days ago.

I am sorry to advise that for some months past no mail has been deliverable to his former address. You made the only wise move; but in the circumstances even we can do nothing. And I am infinitely more sorry to give you the bit of bad news that came to us from official sources, on the 7th, namely, that Bishop Wade and Frs. Hennessy and Conley have been made prisoners of war and taken to Rabaul. We have reason to hope that they have been placed at the Catholic Mission Centre at Vunapope, where they are in company of other priests and well cared for, though deprived of their liberty and away from their work. And that is all we were able to gather concerning their fate. You have our sincere sympathy; for it is a great blow for all of us. And may God soon relieve them. If any further information comes through, I shall gladly forward it to you.

Now as regards your letter, I intend to keep it here until it can be sent out to him; or would you prefer that I should mail it back to you?

If you have an opportunity of doing so, kindly advise the Marist Fathers, at St. Charles!

Pray for our dear Bishop Wade, for our Mission in the Pacific,
and for

Yours in sympathy,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

April 20, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I am glad to give you better news to-night. A telegram was received to-day from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

The telegram said nothing about the two Fathers who were reported captured with the Bishop. We may surmise that that report was also incorrect. Please God we may be right.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

1 0 APR 1942

FATHER CYR

44 ISABELLA ST BOSTON

OFFICIALLY ADVISED BISHOP WADE FATHERS PATRICK CONLEY

PRISONERS WAR RABAU, PLEASE ADVISE HIM

ELIAS BERGERON

1 0 APR 1942

FATHER WENNER

MARIST COLLEGE WASHINGTON

OFFICIALLY ADVISED BISHOP WADE FATHERS HENNESSY CONLEY

PRISONERS WAR RABAU

ELIAS BERGERON

Right Rev. James Hannan, D.D.,
Office of the Propagation of
the Faith,
Melbourne,
Vic.

April 20, 1942.

Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

Thank God, I have better news to give you to-night. A telegram received to-day from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

The telegram says nothing about the two Fathers who were reported captured with the Bishop. We surmise that that portion of the first report is also incorrect. Please God we may be right.

I am, Dear Monsignor,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.,

From:--G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,

To:--

Very Rev. Mother Louis,
St. Joseph's Convent,
Orange, Cal., U.S.A.

Apr. 21, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Mother,

Thank God, I have better news to give you to-day. Yesterday a telegramme was received from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

The telegramme says nothing about the two Fathers who had been reported captured with the Bishop. We surmise that that portion of the first report is also incorrect. Please God, our supposition is correct.

According to latest scraps of news, all the Sisters are well. They are assembled at various handy centres, and well cared for by the Fathers and Brothers. May God and Our Lady protect them all through these difficult times.

Respectful greetings to Mother Francis.

Yours very sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--

Mr. William E Wade,
47 Pearl St.,
Providence,
R.I.,--U.S.A.

April 21, 1942.

Dear Mr. Wade,

Thank God, I have better news to give you to-day. A telegramme was received yesterday from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission." While nothing is said in the telegramme concerning Bishop Wade's two companions, we surmise that the report of their capture is also incorrect.

I congratulate you and this bit of comforting news, and promise to keep you advised of anything of importance occurring to your dear brother.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--

Very Rev.A.Cyr,S.M.,
25 Isabella St.,
Boston,Mass.,U.S.A.

Apr.21,1941.

Dear Father Cyr,

Here is something which,I am glad to say, will cheer us up after the sad telegramme I was obliged to sent you on the 10th inst. Another telegramme was received from the same official source,namely,from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva,saying, "I am glad to say that advice has been received,reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. D Please inform Mission."

That message says nothing of the two Fathers who had been reported captured with the Bishop. We surmise that their arrest also never took place. Please God our supposition be correct.

I am glad to add that every bit of information gathered from all and any sources concerning Fathers,Brothers and Sisters in both Solomons is comforting--all are well,gathered at the more important Mission Centres,where they have a sufficiency of the necessary provisions and can give one another mutual comfort.

Still,let us hope that these difficult days will not be prolonged unduly;that normal conditions will again soon prevail,and the work of the Missions be resumed with renewed fervor.

Please convey my respectful regards to the Confreres.

With all good wishes,I have the honor to be,

Dear Father Cyr,

Yours very sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--

Very Rev.N.Weber, S.M., D.D.,
Marist College,
Brookland Station,
Washington, D.C., --U.S.A.

Apr. 21, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Weber,

Here in something which, I am glad to say, will cheer you and many of the Confreres up after the sad telegramme I was obliged to sent you on the 10th inst. Another telegramme was received yesterday from the same official source, namely from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Java, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wada incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

That message says nothing of the two Fathers who had been reported arrested with the Bishop. We surmise that the earlier report of their capture was also incorrect. Please God that our supposition may be right.

I am glad to add that every bit of late information gathered from any and all sources concerning the Fathers, Brothers and the Sisters in both Solomons is comforting--all are well, clustered at the more important Mission Centres, where they have a sufficiency of the necessary provisions and can afford one another mutual comfort.

Still, let us hope that these difficult days will not be prolonged unduly; that normal conditions will again soon prevail and that the work of the Missions may soon be resumed with renewed fervor.

Please convey my respectful regards to the Confreres.

I have the honor to be,

Dear Father Provincial,

Yours very sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--

Most Rev.R.Cushing,D.D.,
Director of the Propagation of
the Faith,
49 Franklin St.,
Boston,Mass., U.S.A.

Apr.21,1942.

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop Cushing,

I am glad to have better news to give you to-day. Yesterday another telegram was received from the same official source, namely, from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner at Suva, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, reported capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

It is regrettable that it does not mention the two Fathers who had been reported captured with the Bishop. But we presume that the earlier report of their arrest was also incorrect. Please God that our supposition may be right. I shall try through the Headquarters of the British Solomon Is. Administration in Sydney to secure information concerning them.

It is comforting to learn from many minor bits of information gathered from any and all sources that the Fathers, the Brothers and the Sisters in both Solomons are well, clustered at the more important Mission Centres, where they have a sufficiency of the necessary provisions and can give one another mutual comfort.

Still we hope and pray that their days of affliction may be short; that normal conditions will again soon prevail and permit them all to resume with renewed energy their missionary work.

With many thanks for your continued and invaluable help and with all respectful good wishes, I am, Dear Bishop Cushing,

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G. BERGERON, S.M.

19 fev. 1942.

Cher Pere Soury-Lavergne,

Monseigneur l'Archeveque a daigne approuver votre nomination, que je lui avais recommandee, comme Aumonier (Chaplain) des Soeurs Maristes a Mittagong, et vous envoie la "pagella" F no. 882 des Facultes de l'archidieceese de Sydney.

Ces Facultes sont plus amples que celles que je vous avais sub-deleguees, vous donnant tous les pouvoirs d'un ministre ordinaire.

J'espere que vous etes bien etabli dans votre nouveau local et vous aimez la vie de campagne, tout en rendant service aux bonnes Soeurs. ecrivez-nous de temps en temps, et ne craignez pas de faire connaitre vos besoins.

Nous avons fete le 90e "birthday" du P. Rigard hier. Il se maintient toujours dans l'etat ou il etait lorsque vous etiez avec nous.

Un bonjour aux Soeurs. A vous, mes meilleurs souhaits pour une guelioration rapide vers le recouvrement complet de votre sante.

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

Mr. R. B. Stuckey,
Town Clerk,
Hunter's Hill.

Feb. 20, 1942.

Dear Sir,

The south wing of Villa Maria Monastery is in very bad need of repairs. (If you remember, the north wing was done up in 1940).

In view of war restrictions and regulations I understand that only the most urgent works of the kind can be allowed, and only after due Council inspection and recommendation.

I am therefore enclosing a letter of Messrs S. D. C. Kennedy & Bird Pty. Ltd. Builders, who sent their man in some days ago to open up several places in the old building in readiness for your inspection and a copy of the man's report to his Employers on the state of things as he found them.

Would it be possible for you to fix a day, at your convenience, when you could come and officially inspect the old building?

I would appreciate it if you could let me know your date a day or two in advance, so that I could get in touch with Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Wilson, who will try to be present.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C E L E B R E T.

Infrascriptus Superior Domus Sydneyensis Societatis Mariae
testatur Reverendum in Christo Patrem JOHANNEM BAPTISTAM BROCARD
ejusdem Societatis professum sacerdotem nullo canonico impedimento
innodatum esse quominus Missam celebrare possit.

Datum Domo "Villa Maria", Hunter's Hill, Sydney
die decima quinta Novembræ 1941

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev.J.Brocard, S.M.,
Aumonier des Troupes
Francaises Libres,
Noumea, N.C.

24 fev.1942.

Cher Pere Brocard,

En effet, quand je suis rentre des Hebrides, il y avait deja juste un mois que vous etiez parti pour Noumea. A votre depart le R.P.Schwehr vous avait donne un "Celebrat", dont j'ai devant moi la copie. C'etait bien en regle, et faisait foi a la regularite de votre situation canonique. On ne vous a pas donne de lettres d'obedience. Il n'en avait pas ete question. Vous m'aviez demande oralement si vous pouviez vous offrir a servir d'aumonier au prochain contingent de Troupes Francaises Libres. Je vous ai autorise a le faire. Dans les circonstances j'etais votre plus Haut-Superieur, et autorise par le Saint-Siege a agir valablement et licitement. ("His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate announces that by virtue of special faculties granted by the Holy See:-- whenever Canon Law or the Constitutions of Religious require the intervention of the Superior General, the local highest Superior is empowered to act." Sept. 26, 1940). En plus, ayant une occasion d'ecrire a la Maison Generalice le 29 mai, 1941, je fis connaitre ce que j'avais decide avec vous au T.R.Pere. On me repondit qu'on en etait satisfait, par une lettre du R.P.Dubois datee du 20 aout, 1941.

Que ces presentes vous servent donc de lettres d'obediences.

Pour les facultes, c'est autre chose. Celles que je puis sub-deleguer, en vertu de pouvoirs donnees par Sa Grandeur l'Archeveque de Sydney au Provincial des Peres Maristes Missionnaires, etaient limitees aux termes de ces pouvoirs et a la duree de votre passage a Sydney. Aucune feuille, autre que celle qui fut donnee au Provincial en vue de son pouvoir de sub-delegation, n'est donnee aux Peres passant a Sydney (Peres Missionnaires, j'entends).

Quand le P.Schwehr demanda les Facultes de "chaplain" pour vous, a la veille de votre depart pour Noumea, il posa le cas bien clairement au Secretaire de Monseigneur Gilroy:--"The Rev.J.B.Brocard, S.M., member of our Mission Province of Oceania, has been appointed Chaplain of the Free French Forces by His Exc. Sautot, Governor of New Caledonia, and will shortly leave for New Caledonia, with the permission of his religious Superiors. This being the first of our Fathers to be appointed for that post, I am faced with two difficulties for which I need your assistance."--Je n'ai pas besoin de mentionner la premiere de ces difficultes: elle se rapporte a la pierre d'autel pour votre autel portatif.--Voici la seconde, dans ses propres termes: "Who will be Father Brocard's ecclesiastical Superior? I presume it is His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne. Is Father Brocard expected to report to His Grace and notify his appointment to His Grace? And what about his Faculties? According to the Acta Sanctae Sedis, if I am right, he has the faculties ipso facto through his appointment as military chaplain. However this probably supposes that the appointment was ~~made~~ at least ratified by the ecclesiastical authority."

Voici la reponse du Secretaire de Sa Grandeur: "With re-

As to Father Brocard's Faculties, I have to state that if Father Brocard enjoys the Faculties of this Archdiocese, such Faculties may be used by him for his journey to New Caledonia, where he may approach the Right Rev. Edouard Bresson, S.M., D.D., for Faculties to be used locally."

Et c'est tout. C'est du Droit commun. Les Facultes que vous aviez de ma sub-delegation etaient limitees aux besoins limites locaux des Peres Maristes Missionnaires passant un certain temps a Sydney, mais n'y occupant pas de cure ou de poste de Vicaires proprement dits. Elles cessaient a votre arrivee en Ile Caledonie. Vous n'avez pas ete recu, ou adopte comme aumonier militaire par aucun Eveque ou Ordinaire Chef-Aumonier soit ici en Australie, soit en Angleterre par l'Ordinaire en chef des Aumonniers des Forces Allieses; vous dependez donc de Mgr. Bresson pour vos Facultes tant que vous serez en Ile Caledonie, comme aussi pour le voyage qui vous menera sous une autre juridiction; -- toujours a moins que vous trouviez, par exemple a Londres, un Ordinaire aumonier en chef qui vous receive comme un de ses aumonniers militaires.

Dans ce dernier cas vous jouirez de toutes les Facultes enumerees dans une Lettre de la Sacree Congregation Consistoriale du 8 dec. 1939, que vous trouverez complete dans le Catholic Record (Australasian) no. 2, vol. XVII, Avril, 1940., -- ou bien quelque part dans les Acta S.S.

Non, Mgr. Bresson ne m'a pas ecrit. Par consequent je ne connais pas l'etat de la question qui fut cause de friction entre vous. Mais je regrette cette friction. L'Eveque est toujours l'Eveque, surtout pour nous pretres et maristes. Et voyez, maintenant, vous en aurez peut etre besoin pour vos Facultes, si vous ne les avez pas deja recues de lui en arrivant a Noumea.

Nous sommes tous bien a Villa Maria. Nous avons fete le P. Rigard le 18, jour de son 90e anniversaire. Il se porte toujours bien.

Le P. Bonassit pourra enfin rentrer dans sa Mission, incessamment.

Nos Missions n'ont pas encore souffert dans leur personnel: des nouvelles des deux Salomon, datees du commencement de ce mois, nous ont grandement soulagees. Dieu merci. Mais il faut prier pour tout ce monde eparpille dans nos huit Vicariats.

Croyez-moi, cher Pere Brocard,

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial, Marist Missions.

Very Rev. A. R. E. Thomas,
Diocesan Director for the
Propagation of the Faith,
Sydney.

Feb. 25, 1942.

Dear Father Thomas,

Enclosed please find Copy
of a letter just received from Fr. J. Wall, S.M., Tulagi, So. Solomons
(British Solomon Islands), and of portions of another letter that
came to Rev. J. Nicolas from Fr. Palmer, S.M., Takwa, Malaita, S.S.I.

To us and to relatives in Australia and New Zealand the letters
will naturally of great interest, and they may prove worthy of at-
tention to many others, as showing the proper spirit of Missionaries
generally.

You may use them to your discretion.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

Feb. 17, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Courtais,

It is a very long time since we have corresponded:--you wrote me on the 24th July a letter that was delivered here on the 27th Oct.; and now I shall try to give you what news I may regarding our Fathers here or in the Missions. It will be precious little; but will doubtless interest you. Of course you know from the papers you are allowed over there that the Marist Missions are in the zone of war. The fact is being brought home to us with greater force every day. A consequence of this is the impossibility to communicate with some of them--all our letters to Bishop Wade and Co. have been returned. Another consequence was the removal of Fr. Nicolas and his Procure, look, stock and barr up here with us--never to go back again to the old place. At present he has little to do, and that little he can well do from here, with an occasional visit to town. Even Fr. Reed has been obliged to close up shop for lack of facilities to carry on.

Fr. Nicolas and some of us here will now be able to imitate you in gardening, felling trees, sowing potatoes and vegetables, etc.--if we can break the drought, for we need water for gardening. We shall all thus develop a wonderful appetite and force a dreadful riot in the provisions department that will make the Superior's head ache. As it is we are still all busy with one thing or another:--some caring for the general run of the house and premises, none caring for Fr. Richard, who has become pretty helpless in many ways. By the way, he will be ninety years old to-morrow, and we are going to make it lively for him. He likes that. Now he keeps much more to his room, seldom very little, sleeps nearly the whole day, seldom goes as far as the top verandah to breathe a little fresh air, and finds harder and harder to express his ideas,--words refuse to come,--and then he gets impatient. But he is well tended to by Frs. Chol and Gent and Bro. Anthony.

Fr. Chol is at last fully discharged from all hospitalities and may return to his Mission. However, he will have to wait now for some time, as it would be foolhardy to expose himself in the present circumstances. Fr. Bousset also is with us still, for he cannot book his passage back to his Vicariate, whence, you know, all the Marist Sisters and ten Missionary Sisters have been compulsorily evacuated. Elsewhere all the Sisters have stayed on.

Fr. Soury-Lavergne, who came here for medical treatment, is now acting as chaplain to the Marist Sisters who have been ordered with their novitiate and school to the foothills of the Blue Mountains. The climate there can only be good for him. He has no P.B., but he was seriously threatened with ulcers in the large intestines. He is on a strict diet,--and that for months. On his and Bishop Bresson's request we have allowed him to make his Second-Novitiate while he is in Australia.

We are all well, and form a happy family, especially when Fr. Chaize is with us. You inquire after Fr. Thierry. He is still at Liemore: at the College, oftener at the Hospital. He is, poor man, almost helpless, since his hands and limbs are twisted absolutely out of shape by his malady. He does not suffer so much now as when the process of deformation was on; but what an affliction for one who was always so active and on the move. Yet he keeps wonderfully joyful and--as talkative.

Fr. Kerrmann was "very ill" said a telegramme received here on the 7th inst.; but no news since then. We therefore presume that the is on the mend.

Well, dear Fr. Courtais, here are my very best wishes for you and

I was going to forget what will certainly interest you. You may have learned that I made a visitation of the Mission in the New Hebrides, last Sept.-Dec. Naturally, your name often came up in the conversations about the history of the Mission. It all seemed to make things actual, don't you know. Especially at Mele, where you built that neat little church, which has been added to since your day, but which is very well kept. Not so the Father's house, which is rather out of repairs and in charge of a native catechist. It was a most interesting visit, too, that we made. Mr. Louhiere and myself to the Island of Mele. Do you know I could understand practically all that the chief said to his people in his speech,--it resembled my own Tongan so. I shall never forget that wonderful morning when I had not had malaria in the Solomons the year before; and I thought that I should escape its attacks this time in the Hebrides; indeed, I never got it while I was in the group, but about five weeks after I got back to Sydney, after giving up taking the regular daily dose of quinine for two weeks, I suddenly was laid low for an afternoon by it. Since then it keeps making me uncomfortable about once a week. I hope I shall soon get it out of my system, for I don't like it.

Let us continue to pray for one another,--now we all need prayer so.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. MORGANSON, S.S.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Vila, N.H.

Feb. 18, 1948.

Monseigneur,

L'arrivee inattendue du Fr. Auguste, au milieu de la nuit du 26 janv. m'avait d'abord pris par surprise, mais votre bonne lettre du 6 m'expliqua deux jours apres ce que j'avais bien soupconne, le fonde de votre demarche. Je puis donc donner de vive voix au Frere connaissance de la dispense accordee par le Be-
legue Apostolique. C'etait fait. Il disait vouloir rentrer a Houma dans sa famille. Mais depuis il a bien montre la faiblesse de son caractere. Parti le dimanche, une semaine et demie apres son arrivee avec une tante qui lui avait fait visite ici, et devant rentrer le lendemain, il ne revint que deux semaines plus tard. On regla ses affaires avec le gouvernement, comme etranger en Australie, puis il re-
peta son intention de se rendre sans tarder en Calédonie, pour s'en-
roler dans l'armee, en quelque capacite. Le 12 de ce mois je recus une lettre de lui proposant un nouveau projet: rester en Australie pour y chercher du travail qu'un oncle lui promettait de pouvoir lui trouver. Je lui repondis que je n'y voyais aucun empechement, pourvu qu'il regle son domicile ici avec les autorites, et de venir se re-
voir un jour. Je ne le lui ai pas écrit, mais je veux aussi regler avec lui la question de recourir a la Societe ou a votre Vicariat: que cela soit bien fini, a l'amiable. Je ne l'ai plus revu; mais il viendra certainement. D'apres les dernieres mesures prises par le Gouvernement de l'Australie, il aurait facilement une entree, meme obligatoire, dans un corps d'armee. Le fera-t-il? Ça dependra du dernier avis qu'il recevra de "quiconque". Pauvre homme, avec son manque de volonte, je crains bien un peu pour son ame; malgre son age et sa vie antecedente, qui somme toute a ete bonne. Il merite toujours notre sympathie et le concours de nos prieres.

Aujourd'hui nous celebrons la 90e annee accomplie du P. Rigard. Le vieux est encore en excellente sante, malgre une vue affaiblie et, necessairement, un declin progressif general. Ses idees sont encore claires; si ses paroles pour les exprimer se ralentissent. Il ne sort guere de sa chambre; ne descend plus les escaliers, excepte a la sou-
dine quand il veut quelque chose qu'on lui a refuse. Les Peres Chol et Centauro et le Fr. Antoine le servent chez lui. En general il ne donne pas beaucoup de peine a la Communauté, au contraire, il nous rejouit tous souvent par ses reparties bien tapees: il lui suffit d'une phrase pour vous decrir un caractere, ou d'un mot pour montrer la simplicité d'une question indiscrete ou malicieuse. Puisse-t-il rester encore longtemps avec nous.

Nos Missions sont, helas, dans la zone de guerre. Plus de relations ou de communications avec certaines d'entre elles; evacuations des Nurses et des Soeurs de certaines autres; nouvelles peu rassurantes, --quand nous en recevons-- d'a peu pres toutes. J'espere que votre Mission, et son personnel, sera epargnee, comme elle l'a ete jus-
qu'ici. Prions les uns pour les autres, que notre oeuvre d'un siecle ne soit par detruite ou serieusement endommagée. G. E. BERGERON S.M.

Feb. 17, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Dubois,

It is a little more than a month since I last wrote to you, and it is time I wrote again to let you know the latest concerning our Marist Fathers in these parts.

Last Thursday the 12th Fr. Nicolas took the leap and removed himself and Procure, lock, stock and barrel, up here with us. The fact is that he had very little to do in town, as even our Island Broker had to close shop. Whatever office work there is to do he can easily do here, at least until things become normal again, and then he will devise new ways to carry on; but not again from the old Procure. We are glad to have him.

Our annual retreat was held from the 18th Jan. to the 24th. We were six Fathers and two Lay-Brothers.

Fr. Chol was at last completely discharged from hospital and is now free to return to his Mission. But he will remain here for another spell, as it is not advisable to set out in the present circumstances.

For that reason, too, we have decided to ask Fr. Conway to make use of the new Missionaries from his Province in some work at home until we can appoint them and in conscience safely send them to the Missions. This will give you time to decide where they may definitely be appointed, --and save us that responsibility. However, if no word comes in time from you, we shall do our best here, when opportunity offers of setting them off on their missionary careers.

We got a telegramme lately ^{Feb. 14th} telling us that Fr. Korman was "very ill". As no further news has yet come from the same quarter, we presume that he got over the crisis. Fr. Bousait in the meantime is still here, unable to book passage home.

Fr. Soury-Lavergne underwent all kinds of X-Ray examinations and physical tests for chest and stomach. He is free from any sign of t.b., but he was threatened with several ulcers in the big intestine. That is what apparently kept him ailing and very thin, with frequent severe attacks of migraine. He is on a strict diet to offset the menace of ulcers, and has gone to be chaplain to the Marist Sisters associated with their school and Novitiate to the foothills of the Blue Mountains. The doctors agree that the climate will be most beneficial to him. We agreed to allow his and Mgr. Bresson's request that he make his Second-Novitiate while in Australia. So he was formally entered as a Novice on the 11th Feb, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and will continue as long as possible, possibly for the full six months, with a rule the Master of Novices and myself made for him, very much on the lines of the Novitiate we made in 1918, at St. Langhorne, --special attention to the religious rule in its daily application, frequent couples (any time he meets the Master of Novices), special studies on the Constitutions, the Religious State and on matters furnished by former Masters of Novices here, on all of which he will pass a written examination in due time, and retreats to be made here: one in March, one in April, and the other two to be decided on later for their dates. He is very conscientious and may be relied upon to do his best. So I ask you to approve of our decision in his regard, trusting that it is the best we could take in the emergency.

We have called Frs. J. Walter and J. Desbois to their vow of stability, and papers for same have gone out to Very Rev. Fr. Creve. Fr. Bousait pronounced his here on the 4th Feb. The papers duly filled and signed are awaiting the end of hostilities to be sent in to you.

We have not called Fr. Cent to the vow of stability; we preferred to leave the decision to you when you see his notes.

Our Island Mission, as you have no doubt noticed in newspaper accounts, are now in the war zone. Naturally, we are very anxious concerning some of them, with whom we can no longer communicate. Thus, all our letters to Bishop Wade and Co. sent since the beginning of Dec. have been returned. All the Marist Sisters and ten Missionary Sisters have been evacuated compulsorily from Bishop Blanc's Vicariate.

On Wednesday last we held the semi-annual Marist Medical Mission Society Meeting. It was as well attended as ever and just as successful. The only things wanting were the telegrams of greeting and good wishes that usually came from Bishops Wade and Aubin. Though the lay Nurses are now either in the army or doing work in Australia, the Marist Medical Mission Society will carry on preparing for better days.

Fr. Rigard will celebrate his ninetieth birthday to-morrow. He is still well generally, but keeps much more to his room. He also finds it harder to find the words to express his ideas. Frs. Chol, Cent. and Bro. Anthony take good care of him.

Bro. Anthony has not changed one bit. He still works very well; remains as bitter. Circumstances have forced a deadlock on him, and that only adds to his discontent. Yet, he could be so happy. He is always very regular to the Rule, appears joyful with confreres in recreations and often whoops at work; but he cannot forget...

Kindly present my respectful regards to all at la Bayliere.

Trusting in the help of your prayers and wishing you God's best,
I am, Dear Father Dubois,

Yours devotedly in J.M.I.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

REPLY TO ME, c/o Box 520, Lisbon, Portugal.

Apr. 21, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Dubois,

You must have been very anxious regarding the fate of Bishop Wade and his two companions. I am to-day in position to give you more consoling news. Yesterday a télégramme was received from the same official source, namely, from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands protectorate through the High Commissioner of at Suva, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

It is regrettable that it does not mention the two Fathers who had been reported captured with him. But we presume that the earlier report of their arrest was also incorrect. Please God that our supposition may be right. I shall try to clear that point.

On the other hand, it is comforting to learn from many minor bits of information gathered from any and all sources that the Fathers, the Brothers and the Sisters in both Solomons are well, clustered at some more important Mission Centres, where they have a sufficiency of necessary provisions and can give one another mutual comfort.

Last time I wrote I forgot to mention that Fr. Guillaume is at last a free man, except that he may not go back to his former Mission. So Bishop Bresson has kept him provisionally in his Vicariate and given him work. That deprives compulsorily Bishop Hulbert of a valued missionary; but we hope that when things become normal again, Fr. Guil. may be restored to him. The verdict was "non-lien".

Frs. Kerrmann and A. Soubeyran have been very sick. There were complications in both their cases. The former underwent a rather simple operation for hernia; but there were after-effects. Thank God, he is now just about right again. The latter's case in itself was more serious, as he is diabetic. He too, however, was recently reported as well on the way to satisfactory health.

We have Brother James Purcell now with us. He is giving us all satisfaction so far by his regularity and good spirits. I hope he will be willing to remain with us more than the year we bargained for. He being of about the same age as Bro. Andrew is a great companion to him, and both are taking keen interest in the House. It is so much pleasanter to give them the weekly spiritual conference, too. With Bro. Anthony there I had to be so careful what I said, as he was exceedingly touchy and ready to misinterpret.

Fr. Chol, whose papers have been ready for some weeks, is still with us. We do not know when he will be able to return to his Mission. Fr. Rouel sometimes has the blues. He was so active at home; and now, without a word of English at his command, he feels like a fish out of water. Fr. Soury-Lavergne is at Mittagong with the Marist Sisters, and apparently improving in health, for he is on a strict diet on account of threatened ulcers in the intestines. We hope to pull him out of the danger from that source.

The rest of us, including old Fr. Rigard, are keeping just the same.

The Centenary of the Mission in Tonga will soon be due, I am getting an article ready for the local Catholic Paper--we have only one now: "The Catholic Weekly", and it is very good--to try to make people realise that the Marist Fathers have more Missions in the Pacific than the Solomons. It will be difficult, and I am pretty sure that when I have done my best again, some good friend of the Missions will ask me, "What part of the Solomons is Tonga?"

Give my respectful regards to the Very Reverend Superior General and the other Fathers at the Mother House.

Very Rev. Brother Clement, of the Marist Brothers, told me to-day that you have not been very well of late. I hope it was nothing serious, and that you are again your old self.

With all good wishes, I remain, Dear Father,

Yours very devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Robson & Cowlishaw, Solicitors,
Brook House,
Sydney.

April 28, 194 .

Dear Sirs,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt
of a copy of the Will of Mrs. E. Wilmshurst, filed as per request you
have been kind enough to send me.

With sincere thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. J. Johnson,
Treasurer, Government of the
British Solomon Is. Protectorate,
27 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

April 28, 1942.

Dear Sir,

I am to thank you for your telegram from His Excellency the High Commissioner received at your Office, dated the 20th April, concerning the matter.

Your solicitations are most appreciated, and in your great courtesy in keeping me informed of the progress of the matter, the personnel of our Mission is most indebted to you.

When opportunity offers, would you further advise me by forwarding to His Excellency the High Commissioner and the Hon. the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands the thanks for their kindness, which we are greatly indebted to.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial, British Solomon Islands.

Mr. W. J. Cooper,
115 Pitt St.,
Sydney.

May 4, 1941.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I hereby acknowledge with thanks receipt of the War Damage Commission's Certificate for exemption from payment of estate duty as per form filed by me some time ago.

I had tried to fill the above form with your kind co-operation; but on account of your recent (then) illness, you were not usually home. So I called at the General Office of the Federal Estate Duty Office, and was courteously assisted there by one of the personnel.

I am glad to offer hearty congratulations for your return to health and work, and hope that you will long enjoy every physical condition and fitness to carry on your usual work for several years to come.

Cordially yours, and with every good wish,

Rev. A. Mahon, S.S.P.,
St. Francis' Church,
MELBOURNE, Vic.

May 13, 1941.

Cher Père Mahon,

Un bien agréable et sûr de vous
accuser réception de votre cot de 10 sh., qui accompagnait votre cheque
de £ 50. pour l'œuvre de la St. Francis' Church. Merci mille fois.

Nous sommes toujours soucieux de faire de la St. Francis' Church une
relation normale avec les autres églises. C'est le souhait de la
persistance de notre P. Mahon, qui nous a permis de faire parvenir
de bonnes nouvelles aux autres églises. C'est la même, mais
ils seront reconnus par qui de droit dans la St. Francis' Church. Il
faut reconnaître les services de la St. Francis' Church.

Qui nous sommes toujours soucieux de faire de la St. Francis' Church
articles de culte, pour la St. Francis' Church. C'est la même, mais
nous sommes toujours soucieux de faire de la St. Francis' Church
vous toujours; nous ferons le meilleur.

Bien à vous de J. A. J.,

May 15, 1900,

Very Reverend and Dear Father Coll,

I hope you are fast recovering from your last bout with cold in the chest. Just after I had received your note and your generous cheque, a woman called from Fr. Crehan told me that you were to be taken to the hospital for a special treatment. I was sorry that, for you is in the same place, and because I had made arrangements with Mr. J. J. O'Brien of Castle Hill to give them their annual school on the night of the 8th, and he was unable to give to all the children. However, Maryvale, I am told, stopped for the night.

May you soon come back to us and be well and happy with.

Yours respectfully A. J. O'Brien.

May 19, 1941.

Dear Miss Kelly,

Again I have to thank you for your remittance, per Postal Notes, of 7/- for our Mission Fund. God bless you. We are laying aside as much as we can, knowing that after the war, the Missions will need all they can get to re-organise their work and replenish their depleted stores. For how many of them is the situation? For some we know that they have not suffered much yet; but others are completely cut off from us; and they give us no news. I am glad to see that the first report concerning Bishop ... has been received. Official ... have us that telegram. But that is all that we have heard yet.

Keep on praying for Europe, Britain and others in our Christ Mission field.

Yours faithfully in J.C.S.,

May 20, 1941.

Reverende et chère Mère L. Chancel,

Une lettre de votre chapelain intermédiaire m'a demandé de qu'il
faut faire de certains papiers pour les faire. Il m'a dit,
s'il vous plaît, de m'en tenir au mieux possible. Les papiers
ont déjà circulé par là; et la lettre est en route.

Il paraît que vous avez écrit à M. Chancel, mais
vous. Ceux qui sont à la tête de la mission, mais
ce sont de bien intentionnés et de bons hommes, et
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Tout le monde est bien à Villa Maria. Il y a toujours
un bon air, et les gens sont bien. Les gens sont
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Les amis de M. Chancel et de M. Chancel,
à vous, Mère, l'abbé de la mission de Villa Maria.

Bien à vous, M. Chancel.

Greet your kind mother for me.

Yours faithfully in J.M.J.,

Mr. J. I. Coogan,
115 Pitt St.,
Sydney.

May 25, 1942.

Dear Mr. Coogan,

I am filling the Tax Payers Commission's Form for "Return of Fixed Property" and the "Schedule of Assets and Property" at 3 Jones St., Sydney, N.S.W. I am not sure if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance.

Could you let me know if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance? I am not sure if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance. I am not sure if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance. I am not sure if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance.

I hope you are getting stronger and stronger after your illness.

Yours sincerely,

P.S.--An Answer by 'phone, late Thursday afternoon or evening, Monday, could be as quick and easy as a letter. I am not sure if I should fill in the "Schedule of Assets and Property" for any premium paid for last year's fire insurance.

Yours sincerely in J.M.J...

G. S. BERGSON, S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. P. Frawley, S.D., J.B.S.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

May 25, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to report
that the following persons have been appointed to the
Bishop's Council, S.D., of the Diocese of North Sydney.

"Messrs. J. P. Frawley, S.D., J.B.S., and J. P. Frawley, S.D., J.B.S."

Accordingly, I have the honor to inform you of the same
and by the first opportunity.

Your Excellency's obedient servant, J. P. Frawley, S.D., J.B.S.

underneath which remains hidden.

Bro. Anthony's case came to rapid settlement. When I got your word, I asked the Bro. did he still wish to change Provinces. He replied that it was now much more than a change of Province, for he had applied to the Mosto to be appointed to be ordained as a priest, and he had asked to be dispensed from his vows altogether; though he did not say as much. There was, then, nothing to do but to wait a reply from His Excellency. It came: not as the Bro. expected, but in a letter addressed to me, saying that Brother Anthony had asked to be transferred to the Australian Province, and could I not see with Fr. Barry what could be done to accede to his wish. The Brother was very pleased with that; but he had to take it. And as Fr. Barry and I had already discussed particulars awaiting your answer, this was a relief. I had intended to take effect as from the 1st of May. The Bro. placed him in the Seminary, and allowed, on a recommendation of our local Superior, Fr. Farrell to come and give him some instruction. I am very glad to understand that we shall not be able to do so. I am very glad to hear, however, in the letter, that he will be able to do so. I am glad to hear that he is a very good man, and that he is a very good man.

You may have learned that Fr. Barry is a very good man, and that he is a very good man. I am glad to hear that he is a very good man, and that he is a very good man.

Fr. Barry and Fr. Farrell are both very good men, and that they are both very good men. I am glad to hear that they are both very good men, and that they are both very good men.

Fr. Barry is still a very good man, and that he is a very good man. I am glad to hear that he is a very good man, and that he is a very good man.

The Secretary of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a very good man, and that he is a very good man. I am glad to hear that he is a very good man, and that he is a very good man.

I am afraid we can decide very little about the eight Provincialities that have been suggested; except, perhaps, to say that we will call over and employ some, until we can proceed to do so. I have asked the Provincial of the nearest five of them to employ them as best he can, until we call for them, since, I am sure, they are not being favourable to their proceeding in Florida. As, especially, the ones that have your just preference. On the other hand, some of the eight might "lose" their missionary vocation in the meantime. But would they be a loss? If they are genuine, they should keep.

How anxious you must all be. I do hope that Very Rev. Father Superior General is hearing it well, and that you are all in good health.

With sentiments of deep loyalty,

Yours obediently in J. V. J.,

G. E. BERGONZI, S. M.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Lieut. J.B. Podavigne,
M.P.F. D.P.I.,
Section Postal no. 5,
M.P.F.

June 2, 1918.

Cher Confrère,

J'ai enfin reçu votre lettre adressée
au Centre M.P.F. ici, par une dépêche reçue hier soir de vous, le message
l'envoi de l'abolition de M.P.F. est, dit-on, en cours d'examen
et sera sans trop de délai, et j'espère que vous serez bien content.

Vous savez la voie de l'abolition est la voie de la
de l'ère vous savez. Vous savez aussi, dit-on, que l'abolition de M.P.F.
bien-être est la voie de la paix.

Bien à vous en J.B.P.

From:--C. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. P. Gueneau, S.M.,
Tiscane,
New Caledonia.

June 4, 1941.

Mon cher Confreze,

J'ai bien reçu votre lettre du 27 mai demandant l'autorisation pour l'installation d'un appareil de radio chez vous à Tiscane. Vous me sollicitez la procédure d'acquisition et je vous envoie sans délai les renseignements utiles à une décision, en particulier cette circonstance que vous avez déjà écrit l'autorisation de Monsieur Brochon. Vous m'avez aussi écrit que vous avez un ami qui est en position de faire la carte de l'installation et que vous pouvez soumettre, je vous prie de vouloir bien la soumettre, si possible, à l'administration, et d'après les conditions posées par la loi du 10 mai 1935.

Avez-vous rencontré le P. Chel qui est à Tiscane? Il a été un qui passe par une maison française qui, d'après les renseignements que vous m'avez donnés, se trouve à Tiscane et qui est en mesure de vous fournir la carte et les renseignements utiles.

Vous m'avez aussi écrit que vous avez un ami qui est en mesure de vous fournir la carte et les renseignements utiles pour la protection de l'installation et que vous pouvez soumettre, si possible, à l'administration, et d'après les conditions posées par la loi du 10 mai 1935.

Quand l'installation sera faite, et que les choses seront normales, j'irai vous voir chez vous, à Tiscane, et je vous enverrai et m'édifierai de votre vie et de votre œuvre.

En attendant, aimez-vous, cher Confreze, l'administration de la paroisse.

Bien à vous en J. E. J.

C. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G. J. Burgess, S. J.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. P. Blane, S. J.,
Nukualofa,
Tonga.

5 June, 1961.

Monsieur,

Le Centenaire de la Mission de Tonga
approche. Je vous apporte de la part de notre Province un bon
les félicitations et les souhaits que nous lui adressons.
En remerciant Dieu et la Ste Vierge qui ne sont sortis de notre vie
Société pour l'évangélisation du peuple de Tonga, nous ne devons pas
nous rappeler le dévouement et les vertus de nos prédéces-
seurs dans cette grande œuvre, et à trouver la force de continuer
à continuer et à compléter la tâche qu'ils ont si bien commencée. Il y
a cent ans, ou si bien même depuis, nous sommes en train d'écrire
qui font l'histoire de l'Eglise de Tonga depuis qu'il est devenu
postolique séparé de tout autre.

Depuis longtemps je me berçais dans l'espoir de venir à Tonga
pour célébrer avec vous, vos frères et vos sœurs, ce centenaire chré-
tienne, les solennités du Centenaire; mais la guerre dans le Sud-Est,
hélas, est venue mettre fin à nos projets. En esprit, toutefois, nous
serons ensemble pendant tout le temps que durera le centenaire.

Je profite de cette occasion pour vous adresser, de la part de
félicitations, et de tout cœur, nos meilleurs vœux pour le centen-
naire anniversaire de votre Sacre comme Evêque, Vénérable, postolique de
notre cher Tonga. Ad multum annos.

J'ai l'honneur d'être de Votre Grandeur

Le tout dévoué G. J. B.

G. J. BURGESS, S. J.

From:--G. L. Ferrer, N. . .

To Rev. P. Boussit, S.M.,
Fakualofa,
Tonga.

6 juin, 1942.

Mon cher Confrère,

Voilà de longues années que je ne vous ai vu. Je me souviens de vous avoir vu à l'arrivée à l'école de la Mission de la Tonga. Au moins, vous n'avez pas oublié en chemin, si vous avez eu l'occasion, --et j'espère vous l'avez eue-- d'avoir la chance de vous voir.

Le P. Boussit a eu de la veine. Il est de retour avec une mission. Je doute fort qu'il reinterre son ancien mission. Mais il vient de clore unielement un triste chapitre dans sa vie. Ses amis.

Le P. Boussit, dont le retour est attendu, vient de quitter la terre de se perfectionner au "Sacer" afin de pouvoir se perfectionner. Son séjour ici lui fait du bien, mais il est toujours de poids: preuve qu'il ne s'en fait pas.

Par contre, le P. Boussit a écrit. Je ne sais pas si c'est le cas. Je ne l'empêche pas d'être partout, de tout voir, de tout faire. Dans sa charité, il vient toujours de son P. Boussit, qui se porte bien, comme à l'ordinaire, et qui est à 70 ans.

Vous serez occupé ces jours-ci à préparer vos lettres de l'année de la Mission de la Tonga. Je vous envoie un petit livre de souhaits à la Grandeur. C'est dommage que de ne puisse vous aller dire ce jubilé avec vous tous. Je vous envoie un petit livre de souhaits et en union de prières pour tous les jours.

Mon amitié aux Confrères et à la Mission.

Votre tout dévoué G. L. Ferrer, N. . .

G. L. Ferrer, N. . .

His Grace
Most Rev. M. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

June 9, 1942.

Your Grace,

May I beg the necessary facilities
to bless and erect a new set of the Stations of the Cross in our
Oratory of Villa Maria Monastery?

With anticipated thank's, I have the honor to be

Your Grace's obedient servant,

Officer-in-Charge,
Government of the British Solomon Is.
Protectorate,
17 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

June 12, 1943.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the British Administration and in my own name as their Provincial I have the honour to thank you for your kind note of the 10th June concerning the receipt of a telegram from His Honour the Resident Commissioner to the effect that all the personnel of our Mission in the Solomon Islands will.

I deeply appreciate His Honour the Resident Commissioner's continued concern about our "missionaries" welfare and your secretary in keeping me informed. This latest telegram has given me much relief and comfort.

With sincere thanks and all good wishes,
I have the honour to be,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Provincial, British Solomon Islands.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. J. Smith, C.S.B., J.C.B.,
Apostolic Delegate,
No. Sydney.

June 12, 1912.

Your Excellency,

The coming Feast of the Visitation, July 28th, will mark the Centenary of the first Holy Mass said in Torres and the beginning of the Mission there.

The present perturbed conditions in the Pacific will not permit extensive celebration of an external character. The celebrations will necessarily be more of a family affair, but may the Lord increase spiritually.

May I propose to ask your Excellency to have a letter sent on the occasion by a messenger of consolation and blessing to the Most Rev. J. J. Smith, C.S.B., J.C.B., his Missionaries and the faithful of Torres? A word of congratulation and a blessing from the Vicar General of His Holiness would greatly cheer and encourage the worthy Vicar, his zealous co-workers and their flock, who will just now sorely appreciate such comfort, consolation and moral stimulus.

We know your great solicitude for the many Missions in your Jurisdiction--which is but the echo of that of the Holy Father's in the whole Mission Field--by your constant paternal interest you have shown in all the important events that have occurred in the Missions where the Society of Mary has her religious, and by the great assistance you have allotted to them from the funds of the Society for the

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Propagation of the Faith, which have rendered our Missions in the Pacific able to carry on their work through these difficult years, for all of which I highly beg Your Excellency to accept our most cordial thanks.

If you kindly grant my request, concerning a volume for the Centenary of the Mission in Tonga, it may be as follows:--

"Bishop Blom
Hualalofa
Tonga".

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

Archbishop, Apostolic Nuncio.

From:--G. L. Bernard, D.D.,

To:--Leonard P. Kellermann, D.D.,
Varist Co. Inc.,
Brookland,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

June 15, 1914.

Dear Confess,

I must acknowledge, if only in a few words, your welcome letter of the 6th Jan. -- the first I received it only on the 11th April. But there was nothing of a personal nature in it; only what was sincere and strong. I am glad the good old missionary spirit is still so strong in you. It is a good thing to its volume of interest in the work of our mission is and is always, which has results in conversion, and in the service in spite of monstrosity and trials.

If ever such help was necessary in the history of our mission it is indispensable at the present time. The war has invaded, and none out of our hands, and the world is now left to all to Almighty God, in whose hands we are, and whose moral subsistence and support, and whose victory we are to relieve them and restore the world to its former state. We are working over-me. The Government has been completely and our best for them to keep the supplies of the world, and to get out to them. When a thing becomes impossible, or almost impossible, prayer is then more than ever in order, -- and heard as we believe in Providence.

We are now in winter here; but in the middle of the year, I have had a fire in my room more than three times this year, and I am writing to you with my window wide open, and I am not cold. Why, the fields, the flower beds and the vegetable gardens are to be deceived by appearances and think that winter is the end of the year, and they are beginning to bud and bloom and leaf their green leaves. I am making the most of it. I can tell you, as I dread cold weather now: my blood is tuned in to the tropics by now.

Do not be slighted by the lack of news in this note. I have plenty to say, but I may not just now -- war regulations, you know. But when things come back to the good old times, I shall get back to the world my notes made during the visitation in the last year to you.

With best wishes and in the hope of hearing news from you,

I am, Dear Fr. Kellermann,

Yours fraternally in J. L. J.

G. L. BERNARD, D.D.

FROM: -- "BOYBATH" . . .

To: -- Rev. J. Robeck, M. M.,
Marist College,
Brookland,
Washington, D.C.,
U. S. A.

Yours fraternally in J.W.I.,

G. M. B. INC. INC. S. H.

From:--G. E. Ferguson, A. M.,

To:--Mr. H. Boulanger,
Maryvale Seminary,
Bedford, Mass.,
U.S.A.

June 15, 1947.

Dear Raymond,

Let me first thank you for having enrolled me as an Honorary Member of the El. Church Mission Club. I shall keep and cherish fondly the card you sent me to that effect. I am grateful too for the long and interesting letter you wrote me. You did not date it, but I got it on the 14th May.

So you are a Haverhill boy. But hey here. The weather of your boyhood was far different from that of mine,--and, of course, was far so much colder. But I shall not bore you by going into details; you will retort with features of new Haverhill which mine is so much more than what old Haverhill ever was. Let us leave it at that.

The news you send me about Bedford and the fact that you have returned me warmly. It is especially gratifying to know that all the Bedford people are so London-minded. Of course, many will never be called to the Mission Field, but the activities and the prayers they will have joined for the missionaries will have come from the ground of our spiritual life. Besides having brought out and encouraged the good work, and contributed to the conversion, merit and perseverance of many in the field.

I would have much to tell you about our life here; but I say not. As you have read in the papers, some of our people are indeed, and have been cut off from us for the time being. Mr. Fisher, the President, and I have done our best to keep all the personal and financial life as could. And now we can only trust to God's Providence to sustain us, until victory restores normal conditions. We are not carrying arms; and however, for when a thing becomes impossible, responsibility ceases; and we are all in the Good God's hands.

We are in the beginning of winter here; but the weather is extraordinarily mild. I have not had a fire in my room here the three winter months, and I am writing to you with my window wide open, and feel perfectly comfortable. The trees, the flower bushes, and the very cereals have been deceived into believing that it is late spring, and are budding, and blooming and sprouting. Naturally, they will not be badly caught, either, at all events, for it never freezes here; so they cannot be nipped. Haverhill was cold, I remember, and I liked the winter there; but I have long lived in the tropics, and my blood has thinned, and I fear and dread the cold now;--but then, I am getting old, too.

Give all at Bedford my kindest regards.

And believe me, dear Raymond,

Yours very sincerely in J.H.J.,

G. E. FERGUSON, A. M.

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J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,

Voire tout devoue en J.H.J.

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

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1 St Rev. Fr. J. Hannan, S.D.,
"Catholic Missions",
147-3 St. Patrick St.,
Melbourne, Vic.

June 22, 1942

Right Reverend Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the article in the "Catholic Missions" which I have written for the "Catholic Missions" and which I have written with your approval. I am writing to you regarding the article in the "Catholic Missions" which I have written for the "Catholic Missions" and which I have written with your approval. I am writing to you regarding the article in the "Catholic Missions" which I have written for the "Catholic Missions" and which I have written with your approval.

I would be further obliged to you if you could send me the photos.

With sincere thanks for all your kind wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

John J. Hannan, S.D.,

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From:--C.

To:--Rev. J. Loubiere, S. J.,
Vill,
Lyon, France.

D. E. BERGENON, S.M.

To:--Rev. A. J. Forster, S.M.,
 Tallin Is.

12th June, 1944.

Dear Brother,

It was with great surprise and pleasure that I received your letter of the 10th inst. and was glad to hear that you were all well and happy. I am sure that you will find the weather here very pleasant and the people very friendly. I am sure that you will find the weather here very pleasant and the people very friendly. I am sure that you will find the weather here very pleasant and the people very friendly.

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Yours truly,
 E.E. Forster, S.M.

G.E. Forster, S.M.

From:--M. J. Ferrer, . . .

To:--Mev J. Cantala, S. J.,
Mutua Is.

21 juillet, 1941.

Bien cher M. J. Cantala,

Que de choses ne sont passées depuis les longs mois écoulés de nov. 1940. La présente ne peut guère être considérée comme une réponse, s'il en fut jamais besoin, à une des vos lettres datées de si loin dans le temps; elle signifie tout simplement cette occasion de venir vous saluer, de vous adresser quelques bribes de nouvelles de Villa Maria et de la raviole.

Avez-vous pu mettre à exécution votre beau projet de Centenaire du Martyre de notre bienheureux J. Ballin, qui, sans doute, n'est pas? Je ne serais pas manqué de l'attendre pour venir à l'occasion de faire le voyage à Mutua. Ici, nous avons fait les choses de grand cœur. Son Excellence le Belatus Apostolique, qui a bien voulu accepter le programme. Il y a eu une messe pontificale dans la cathédrale de Brisbane, présidée par Son Excellence au trône; eucharistique par Mgr. Hall, évêque de Brisbane; présencés nombreux prêtres et d'une foule de laïques qui remplissaient la cathédrale; tous les ordres de la hiérarchie catholique: Maristes (sauf l'évêque), et deux prêtres Maristes et deux autres laïques; après la messe grand banquet dans notre résidence à M. J. H. H. auquel faisaient honneur Son Excellence, plusieurs évêques, prêtres et autres membres du clergé et de nobles laïcs. Que vous demandiez pourquoi faire la fête à Brisbane? C'est sur la veille, le dimanche 17 avril, il y avait benedictio et ouverture solennelle du sanctuaire de Brisbane, et l'assemblée tout le clergé de des catholiques catholiques était déjà la pour vénérer notre bienheureux martyr et se séparer. L'autant plus que, comme vous le savez, le St. J. H. H. est un des Patrons de l'Australasie. Ce fut donc un beau jour pour les laïques.

Quand je reçus votre dernier courrier, je recevais la visite des deux Salomon. C'était presque à la fin de l'année, 1940. La saison de 1941 j'étais retenu ici par des vents de terrain, quelques très prolongées. Nous en avons profité, des vents de terre et du soleil tirant en longueur, pour faire des améliorations à Villa Maria, dans l'aile contigue à l'église, et pour nous y aménager une chapelle--sans l'usage de la bibliothèque--toute à nous. Elle est finie, et très jolie, commode, confortable, pleine de lumière et de dévotion. Quand tout fut réglé, et que les travaux que je viens de mentionner furent terminés, je partis pour la visite des Hébrides, qui dura des la mi-septembre à la mi-décembre. Pendant que j'étais là, je fis l'impossible pour pousser ma visite jusqu'à vous; auprès des marchands, auprès des Gouvernements. Mais je n'ai pu faire. Il m'a fallu rentrer à Sydney. C'est pendant le retour que le Japon est entré en guerre. Depuis lors je reste en je suis. Oh! j'aurais bien voulu me rendre à Tonga pour le Centenaire de la Mission. Une lettre seulement est allée présenter mes félicitations et mes souhaits à Mgr. Blanc et à son personnel. Mais je ne demande quelles fêtes ont-ils pu avoir même sur place dans les conditions actuelles que vous connaissez peut-être, et que je ne puis vous décrire à cause de la censure.

Le Pere Procureur vous envoie une liste des décès et la liste depuis le dernier courrier à Tanga. Elle est longue, et le dernier décès est celui de notre cher P. Thomas. Bien souvent nos derniers temps il avait failli mourir, mais toujours il se voulait s'avancer lentement, et toujours il reprenait le dessus et la vie. A la dernière attaque, ce fut tout autre chose: c'est lui-même qui en sentit mourir, qui se fit administrer, qui demanda maturoproprio pardon à tous et à chacun des peines qu'il leur avait causées, etc., puis il passa paisiblement le 7 juin. R.I.P. Le P. Boussit nous en écrit les détails, qui sont en résumé ce que je vous dis.

Le P. Boussit était venu faire son second-vice le 1^{er} mars dernier et était rentré à Tanga seulement au commencement de ce mois-ci. Il se porte admirablement bien. Quel brave homme, aussi. Par lui j'ai eu les nouvelles fraîches de notre chère Mission. Il était encore ici, que nous recevions un télégramme annonçant que le bon P. Forman ne trouvait en danger de mort. Il est à subir une opération spéciale pour l'artère et autres troubles internes. Il faillit, en effet, y passer. Heureusement, il finit par prendre le dessus; mais il n'est pas encore à ce point capable de se remettre au travail. Tout dernièrement, le P. Frankley ne se trouvait pas bien. Il profita du voyage d'un médecin et vint pour faire examiner et ausculter sur toutes les notes et questions, et le docteur lui dit qu'il ne lui trouvait rien de sérieux, mais qu'il valait mieux se sentir encore frais et dispos, tout a fait bien, il n'avait qu'à perdre trente livres de poids. J'en suis sûr qu'il est tout bon maintenant.

Au petit séminaire de Mufusa il y a actuellement deux novices-mineurs qui seront ordonnés prêtres avant la fin de l'année. Tout est très bien fourni. D'autre part, vous avez peut-être appris la triste démission du P. Stefano. Bien l'a perverti. Rappelé avant la défection, il vint à Tanga, mais presque aussitôt reprit la fuite vers Lima, où il abandonna tout et attendit mariage. Bien en vie pitie et le ramène au repentir et à la pénitence. Le P. Eckert est maintenant à Lima. L'autre mineur est dans le désert. Deux Soeurs (M. Jean-Baptiste et M. Virginie) y étaient depuis un an. Depuis le P. Petelo en a été rapelé.

De la Société ailleurs nous avons de plus en plus en plus en danger et de plus en plus minces, les lettres de M. S. Dubois--le dernier n'est 70. Rien de spécial à signaler, sinon que la situation en Europe en ce qui regarde la Société, est à peu près la même. Ainsi de nos autres pays. Les Scolasticats marchent partout; partout il y a des vocations, des ordinations, des appels aux Missions. Ces derniers toutefois ne nous profitent guère, puisqu'il est impossible ou de quitter les pays d'origine ou de se rendre aux Vicariats les plus nécessaires. Les Vicariats des deux Indes sont occupés: aucune communication ne se fait depuis le mois de janvier avec le nord, et du sud nous savons que jusqu'au 10 de ce mois de juillet le personnel en était sauf. Par ailleurs que de changements. Vous en savez quelque chose. Mais soyons assurés que notre œuvre de cent ans d'apostolat ne restera pas sans fruit ou frustrée de ses succès, car nous gardons toujours la même confiance en la Bonne Providence et en Notre tendre Père.

Votre petit Missionnaire sa place quotidienne dans nos prières en ces temps difficiles. Courage, cher Confrère.

J'ai bien reçu votre "Prêtre l'été de la fraternité de P.O.M. Église canoniquement H'année dernière à l'été sous le patronage de S. Dame des Martyrs. Merci, etc."

From:--G.E. BENCKRON, S.M.,

To:--Rev. H. Haumont, S.M.,
Mutua Is.

11 juillet, 1948.

Mes cher Confrère,

Un mot pour vous rappeler que nous pensons à vous dans vos tribulations. Votre croix a été si dure, après tant de temps; cela vous a enlevé le travail des autres. Mais comment nourrir et voir votre santé? Enfin, cependant, une année est passée, et que vous n'aurez plus à revoir et à revivre de tels jours. Mais si Mutua devient important, ne vous laissez pas aller à ce moment vous êtes au milieu de la vie, de la lutte et de la souffrance; vous êtes, comme on dit: "sur la corde".

Le Procureur d'ici vous a écrit tout ce qu'il peut--et avec lui, si il y a bien des choses qu'il ne peut pas dire, encore, et ne peut porter. Patientez. Et s'il vous dit que telle chose est impossible, c'est peut-être curable, veuillez le croire. Sa position est difficile, mais elle est bonne; elle doit être la plus saine. Mais, vous savez, nous avons quelques bribes de nouvelles. Vous pourriez en savoir plus, mais que je donne au bon P. Carole, et vous aurez un rapporteur sur tout ce qui s'est passé depuis les vingt ans que vous avez été au travail.

Comment va votre santé, cher Père? Comment je le sais, depuis que, car lors de notre dernière correspondance elle était si mauvaise. Il y a, vous ne l'ignorez pas, plus d'une année de l'absence de tout travail et la souffrance sont les deux principales causes de l'absence et de succès. Vous avez longtemps exercé la première; il vous est venu de pratiquer la seconde. L'homme actif, et spécialement, elle est si fatigante d'arrêter; mais le bon Dieu nous aide à surmonter, et le bon procureur le fait. Courage, donc, et sachez que votre croix est une croix d'homme et chez vous et chez vos ouailles. Toutefois, il faut se battre, et que la prudence et les moyens le permettent. Votre santé est si importante que la prudence, de l'indulgence; elle vous apporte beaucoup de bien-être, et pourtant, permettez pour faire long feu dans les combats de l'apostolat. Mais je prie à un converti--j'enfonce une autre vérité--c'est vous prouver ma grande sollicitude et ma affection.

Je croyais pouvoir vous pousser une visite lors de vos vacances officielles aux Hébrides à la fin de l'année dernière. J'ai fait des plans et des pieds pour cela; mais pas de bateau en perspective. Il a fallu partir à Sydney au mois de décembre, après avoir fait seulement la visite de vicariat de M. R. Gilbert, qui, d'ailleurs, a fort intéressé, et donc le microbe de la malaria. Rien de bien grave, heureusement, puisqu'il semble déjà s'exténuer.

Tout le monde est bien ici. Le P. Richard, avec ses 90 ans, tient toujours bon. Il a faibli, naturellement, mais il mange bien, dort bien, ne sent aucun mal.

Prions bien les uns pour les autres. Nous sommes tous dans la même tourment maintenant, tous nous avons besoin de nous encourager, de nous soutenir mutuellement. Dans cette union de prières et de sacrifices, je demeure, cher Confrère,

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G.E. BENCKRON, S.M.

From:--M. J. Bergeron, S.J.,

To:--Rev. M. Villon, S.J.,
Lano,
Wallis Is.

22 juillet, 1948.

Bien cher Pere Villon,

J'ai d'abord a vous remercier des documents que vous avez eu l'amabilité de me prêter sur le compte de vous Freres-Coadjuteurs, en date du 18 mai de l'annee 48. Depuis vous avez reçu commission et pouvoir de jurer des vocations sur place et de faire les appels. C'était capital dans les viceries, et je m'en felicite: il est si difficile de faire des vocations, et l'on recoit de faire justice aux peuples si souvent opprimés. Vous êtes bien bon de vouloir continuer a m'envoyer les notes quand vous en avez. Lites-moi quand vous aurez de nouvelles nouvelles, et que je les note avec nos Freres. Lites-moi aussi de m'envoyer les Freres.

Ci-inclus de nouvelles lettres de certification de la part de Freres-Coadjuteurs. Elles pourraient vous servir, soit pour les vocations déjà faites, si vous n'avez pas les certifications, ou pour la Société, soit pour de nouvelles professions. La Société vous envoie, dans vos archives, une dernière note est envoyée, que j'ai pu vous adresser au P. Pere Benoit-Bergeron.

Je me rejouis de la bonne nouvelle que vous me donnez de votre sante. J'espère que vous n'avez pas trop souffert de la fièvre de votre elephantiasis. Vous auriez pu vous en passer, mais vous n'avez pu le faire, et pour cause de votre état de santé. Enfin, vous voilà de nouveau en communication avec le monde "civilisé"; je suis sûr qu'il n'y aura plus de danger d'en être encore si l'on s'en garde. C'est dire que vous aurez a l'avenir le nécessaire, que vous pourrez vous en passer a peu près normalement. Par contre, vous serez toujours tourmenté maintenant. Il vous faudra avoir plus d'attention pour les autres, nous encourager mutuellement.

Le Pere Procureur d'Ile de France écrit au P. Procureur de l'Ile de France pour donner des nouvelles; et j'en fais autant au P. Procureur de l'Ile de France. Les deux vous aurez un repertoire assez complet des choses qui se sont passées depuis les vingt mois que vous avez été sans courrier. Vous pouvez tous bien a Villa Maria. Vous continuons a recevoir des lettres et des lettres allant aux Missions ou en revenant pour ardeurs. Plusieurs Soeurs sont la, parce qu'elles n'ont pu se rendre a leurs familles a cause de la guerre. Elles resteront jusqu'à restauration des services de nos îles.

Le plaisir que j'ai eu a faire la visite de Wallis l'an dernier comme vous l'avez plaignu Monseigneur, est revenu a plus tard. Je m'attends je vous laisse, Peres, Freres et Soeurs, aux bons soins de la Divine Providence et sous la douce protection de Notre Bonne Mere.

Croyez-moi, cher Pere, votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.J.

From:--G. L. Ferrer, N. L.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Hilbert, N. L.,
Vila,
New Hebrides.

22 juillet, 1941.

Monsieur,

Je ne vous en ai pas eu cette occasion de vous adresser un mot de salutation et d'excuses: les occasions ne sont pas si fréquentes que cela. Elles le deviendront.

Enfin, après vingt mois, un courrier de et pour la mission de Mr. Poncet. Ses pauvres missionnaires avaient à subsister dernièrement sur des vivres indigènes; mais ils avaient eu occasion de voir et la farine pour ne point être privées de la farine. Une bonne quantité de provisions a été procurée pour eux. A propos, à propos d'articles de presse de Wallis, il me semble que la liste que vous m'avez envoyée est un peu de vous charger d'expédier si une occasion favorable se présente. Vila n'a plus raison d'être: tout s'achève ici et la liste semble complète. Merci.

Comme la Mlle Calcedonia, comme les Hebrides, elle et d'autres semblent se rattacher au bloc Australo-Américain; par conséquent les relations entre ces pays deviendront, par conséquent, plus fréquentes et plus utiles. Plus d'isolement, plus de disette, plus de faiblesse, plus de choses dont nous nous privons au centre par manque de guerre; mais l'essentiel est assuré.

Nos chères Salomon ne sont pas aussi bien portées: du nord, depuis le mois de janvier, silence complet; et maintenant, au sud, il nous est arrivé tout que le 18 juillet tout le monde était bien. Aux deux impossible d'envoyer quoique ce soit, sans vous enlever de ce triste sort.

Le P. Cho est rentré à l'agence--après trois ans d'absence--maintenant plein de vie et de désir de compenser pour ses longues années; le même que vous l'avez connu: avec ses qualités et ses défauts, il n'a pas changé sous le rapport des deux. Le P. Rouel est rentré le pays, triomphant. Son voyage à Sydney lui a gagné plusieurs kilos de viande, dont il n'avait aucun besoin. Quel type.

Votre petite sœur M. Syrille aussi voudrait bien reprendre son travail à Vila, mais elle n'est pas encore assez bien pour repartir. Elle est bien mieux; elle a bonne mine; elle a repris de l'énergie; elle est vive, elle court; elle a ajouté plusieurs kilos à son poids. Mais elle n'est pas complètement remise: elle vomit encore quelques fois: l'estomac a encore quelque chose de "wrong". D'ailleurs, il ne serait pas facile pour elle de partir actuellement. C'est peut-être providentiel. Je vous demande, donc de patienter un peu. Il vaut mieux, puisqu'elle est là, attendre une santé parfaite avant de s'exposer à une rechute.

Le P. Soury-Lavergne va mieux. Il va finir son second noviciat le mois prochain. Il l'aura passé presque en entier à l'abbaye comme novice de Soeurs Maristes dans leur nouveau couvent de guerre--car elles se sont évacuées de leur couvent de la ville. Son désir serait,--ils en viennent tous et toujours la--de rentrer à Noumea sans délai; mais je n'oublie pas qu'il est venu ici, non pour faire son noviciat, mais pour se faire soigner: et il loit d'être bien. Il restera jusqu'à ce qu'il se soit remis.

Excusez, Monseigneur, ces quelques détails rassemblés à la hâte et jetés pêle-mêle: j'ai eu à faire un très grand courrier en peu de temps, à cause de cette occasion unique, subitement survenue, pour moi, il en les plus isolées.

Nous sommes tous bien à Villa Maria. Le P. Liard est toujours à peu près le même; il vieillit cependant et trouve plus difficilement ses idées et ses mots; par ailleurs, il ne souffre pas, marche bien, dort aussi bien, et fume un peu, chante un peu--c'est la vie heureuse.

Je termine en me recommandant à vos prières et en vous offrant l'expression de mon profond respect.

De Votre Grandeur le très dévoué en J. B. J.,

G. E. Hergsten, S. J.

His Grace
Most Rev. M. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

July 23, 1948.

Your Grace,

On behalf of the Sisters of the Villa Maria Monastery I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed cheque (Five Guineas) , our modest contribution to the erection in Rome of the church of St. Sophia to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Pope Pius XII's Episcopal consecration.

We take this opportunity of renewing to Our Holy Father the pledge of our gratitude, veneration and loyalty.

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's obedient servant M. T. Gilroy, D.D.,

25 juillet, 1962.

Ma reverende Mère,

Je n'ai pas répondu tout de suite à votre lettre du 16, parce que j'avais un grand courrier à préparer d'urgence pour Wallis et Futuna. Il y avait vingt ans que ces deux îles étaient isolées; et soudain il se présente une occasion unique non seulement d'écrire à Fr. Oncet et à ses amis, mais aussi de les ravitailler. Vous comprenez qu'il ne s'agit pas de laisser passer une occasion aussi providentielle. De la mise de côté de tout le reste jusqu'à acquittement complet de ses devoirs ecclésiastiques envers ces chers Confrères.

Le P. Schwehr a déjà parlé de la difficulté en vous pourriez vous trouver en un avenir plus ou moins prochain. Comme lui, je suis disposé à faire l'impossible pour vous fournir le matériel quand le Père Soury-Lavergne aura à vous quitter. Vous faites bien d'être optimiste; mais ne vous inquiétez pas outre mesure: la Providence arrange tout. D'abord, après son évêché, il n'est de tout sûr que le P. Soury-Lavergne rentre chez lui: il est vaillant, énergique, et sûr qu'il était malade; il n'est pas encore rétabli. Les médecins insistent de l'opération de son retour en Ile de France. Entre temps il pourra faire un voyage au bon climat de Hâthéongpoué pour y faire un peu de repos.

Enfin, en attendant, que la Providence nous apporte encore le secours inattendu.

La semaine prochaine le Père Soury-Lavergne viendra à la Conférence ecclésiastique et restera pour faire sa dernière retraite de noviciat; mais vous aurez quelqu'un pour le remplacer pendant cette absence.

Je suis très content de savoir que le Père vous a été de service dans vos difficultés d'installation. Il est habile, vaillant, et énergique, et toujours plein d'enthousiasme, et encore plus de charité, d'estime, de ce qui lui a amené sa fatigue. Mieux-t-il se rétablir complètement. Je profite de cette occasion pour vous remercier bien sincèrement de tout ce que vous faites pour lui, -- comme aussi pour tout ce que vous avez fait par le passé pour les Fraternités de Villa Maria.

Me recommandant à vos prières,

Je demeure, chère Mère Chacel,

Votre tout dévoué en J.B.J.,

From:--G. E. Hargrove, S.F.,

TO:--Very Rev. J. V. Sullivan, S.F.,
Marist Seminary,
Harewood Rd.,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

July 16, 1941.

Dear Father Sullivan,

Your letter of June 1st mentioning your cable of even date was received yesterday. It enclosed the cheque covering the 150 intentions, which had already been distributed and which will doubtless be discharged by the time you receive this word of thanks and acknowledgment. The very intentions, --not too many yet for the needs--that come from America are a great help to our Missions, with most of which we are in contact. Only one of them is absolutely cut off, since the month of January, Fr. Adm's. Bishop Aubin's is also included, but he has been able to get word from it as late as 10th July, when his whole correspondence was well. We have since forwarded it a good number of new intentions. All the others are now in communication with headquarters here, even if somewhat irregular. May their condition not grow worse; but as the ordinary improve with time.

I have been advised of the possibilities of the limitations of your new contingent of missionaries. I pray to God they will have to remain where they are for the present: they may not be allowed to embark for the Pacific, anyway; and if they came here, they might be detained since die at Villa Maria, with nothing to do, as we have only a Monastery here, and no parish attached. They could simply remain idle, get the blues and lose all their zeal, not their "vocations".

But when the time comes, and things are made normal, we shall have in your two Provinces, as well as in all the others, a large contingent of new missionaries to give our Missions a new impetus.

We are all well enough here, too, thank you.

With sincere good wishes to you and to the Confessed at Washington,

I am, Dear Father,

Yours devotedly in J.M.F.,

G. E. HARGROVE, S.F.

July 24, 1945.

Dear Nurse Mearns,

You must think that both Fr. Nicolas and I have given you up, for it now exactly two weeks since we got your welcome notes. The fact is both of us were very busy with work thrust upon us by a pleasant surprise--Ellis and Vienne had been visited at last after twenty months of complete isolation and invasion, but lack of shipping in those parts. They were in need of many things, and we had to write to Bishop, Fathers and Sisters,--a bunch of urgent mail, for in those times we cannot know when a ship leaves or when the mail comes, and those missionaries must not be left without a word from Headquarters for another twenty months, and through our neglect, we had to let you wait a bit.

Thank God, you are again well enough to start up a kind of work. If you can take up that position as editor of "Today's Work", you will bring a new interest in your life, which will make for your mental and physical improvement. Try it, by all means. But do not get discouraged, if you find that it is still too much for your strength.

We have had no news from the Holy See since the middle of December. The Mission is absolutely cut off,--invaded, as you know. The Holy See is invaded too, at least the administrative headquarters, but we still get bits of stray news from there once in a while. Last July 1945, the whole personnel were well. So much we have to be thankful for. All our efforts and missions are as they were, as the Japs have been long elsewhere, and we hope that they may never be able to start invasions again in our direction, but that they may be started shipwrecking home.

Nurse Richardson is busy all the time. Just now she is preparing the next meeting of the M.M. Meeting for mid-August. For we are working on the good work, and collecting for a good drive when it comes again. Again and we are allowed to resume our work in the Holy See.

Fr. Nicolas tells me that he has paid your dentist's bill. If you are in need any time, do not fear to let him or me know, and we shall continue to help without--grumbling.

Praying that you will steadily improve in health and gain much merit from your illness,

I remain, Dear Nurse,

Yours faithfully in J.C.J.,

Respectful regards to your mother.

From:--G. A. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J. M. O'Leary, S.M.,
SUVA,
Fiji.

July 24, 1941.

Dear Father O'Leary,

I thank you for having advised me of Fr. Oddenino's sad plight. Convey our fraternal sympathy to him, and be sure that I feel for you in your being deprived of the services of another good Missionary, by sickness, so soon after the death of good Fr. Calvino. The latter had been on the danger list for some years; but Fr. Oddenino, a comparative young man, who was noted as full of health, according to all expectations had many years of useful ministry still before him. And now he is a victim of T.B.

Sometimes Doctors make a mistake. I say this not out of disrespect for Doctors generally, but according to the advice of my physician, I honour them for the services they render humanity; but I have said they, like all humans, are liable to err, as they did in the case of Fr. Gray, and again in the case of Fr. Scillon, and only recently in the case of Fr. Courty-Lavergne. May they not have erred in this present case? Let us hope so. And if you think there is any hope for Father Oddenino should he try treatment in Australia, we shall be happy to receive his bag and to for him all that we can.

At last we have had an opportunity to communicate with Fr. Oddenino's Mission and to send the personnel there the necessary provisions of which they were sorely in need after having soiled without a ship. It is to be hoped that such a long wait will never occur again. It was very hard for the Fathers and the Sisters, who had to call back upon their own resources for subsistence, though they had managed to economize their wine and flour for Holy Mass, of which they were never deprived.

Fr. Rubin's personnel were all well as late as the 19th July. Nothing from his neighbouring Mission.

We are all well enough here,--and were busy as you would believe. With kind regards and good wishes,

Yours faithfully in J.C.S.,

G. A. BERGERON, S.M.

From: 24- C. E. Ferguson, S.N.,

To: --Rev. P. Housait, S.N.,
Nukualofa,
Tonga.

24 Juillet, 1944.

Mien cher Pere Housait,

Je vous envoie ces quelques lignes pour vous dire que je suis tout à fait de votre avis. Il est très bon pour nous de nous réunir tous ensemble, et de nous occuper de la cause de la Tonga, et de la cause de la France, qui se clot avec l'indépendance. Il avait eu une très bonne conversation, et il avait été très heureux de voir les habitants de Tonga, blancs et bruns, se réunir et de prier pour le pays de la France.

Ici nous sommes tous bien. Le hiver est très bon, et les récoltes sont très bonnes. Il verra peut-être l'hiver prochain. Les récoltes sont très bonnes, et les récoltes sont très bonnes. Il fallait voir ce dernier avant de partir. Il avait eu une très bonne conversation, et il avait été très heureux de voir les habitants de Tonga, blancs et bruns, se réunir et de prier pour le pays de la France.

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Quand vous en aurez le temps, veuillez me donner les détails de la mort de notre vénérable P. Housait. Il est très bon pour nous de nous réunir tous ensemble, et de nous occuper de la cause de la Tonga, et de la cause de la France, qui se clot avec l'indépendance. Il avait eu une très bonne conversation, et il avait été très heureux de voir les habitants de Tonga, blancs et bruns, se réunir et de prier pour le pays de la France.

C. E. Ferguson, S.N.

Mr. Jardine Burke,
Officer in Charge
Government of the B.S.I. Protectorate,
17 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

July 30, 1942.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your
your latest note re advice received from the British Commissioner in the U.S.T. that all the members of our Mission in the British Solomon Islands are well, same dated July 28th.

We are very grateful both to His Excellency the Governor and to you for keeping us informed concerning our Mission in these Islands.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Provincial Secretary, British Solomon Islands

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Benico, B.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegation,
Port Sydney.

July 18, 1948.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge

to you the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., which
has been sent off for the last time, and in which you have
been visited in the hospital of St. John by a French priest, and
will be provisioned by another French ship for its journey to the
purpose.

Most Rev. Bishop A. Benico, B.D., with his wife and children,
Sister Mary M. and Sister Mary M., and their children, are
mostly on native foods. They are spending the night and day
were not forced to go without the grace and consolation of the Holy Eucharist.

We are sending them our all sympathy and prayers, and we are in hopes that God will send them all the assistance, either from the Holy Spirit or from *Australia, as before.*

If Your Excellency has any mail for the Bishop of Port Sydney,
I am sure that there will be sufficient time to have it ready, for cargo
is accepted by the ship until Tuesday evening, which means that the
will not sail for a day or two after that. We were not told, of course,
just when the mail is due to close.

Asking a further blessing upon our Mission, I have the honour
to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

From: --G. A. Berggren, S. J.,

To: --Rev. A. Verreault, S. J.,
Sua,
Aukualofa,
Tonga.

June 26, 1911.

Cher Confrère,

Je me réjouis de vos lettres et de votre état de santé. Le P. Bouclet était encore malade quand j'ai écrit à ce ne devait être rien de bien sérieux. Il a maintenant le programme; mais un tel programme est difficile à accomplir, surtout pour les personnes. Je vous prie de leur en parler, de leur en faire connaître les avantages et les inconvénients, et il ne le fera pas en vain. Je vous prie de leur en parler, et de leur en faire connaître les avantages et les inconvénients, et il ne le fera pas en vain. Je vous prie de leur en parler, et de leur en faire connaître les avantages et les inconvénients, et il ne le fera pas en vain.

Je connais bien les personnes qui ne sont pas de votre ordre, mais je vous prie de leur en parler, et de leur en faire connaître les avantages et les inconvénients, et il ne le fera pas en vain. Je vous prie de leur en parler, et de leur en faire connaître les avantages et les inconvénients, et il ne le fera pas en vain.

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Croyez-moi, cher Confrère,

Votre tout dévoué G. A. Berggren, S. J.,

G. A. Berggren, S. J.

Mr. S. J. Callan,
"The Catholic Weekly",
Sydney.

July 2, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for the return of the
photos from Long and the article that you sent to the
"Weekly"---very satisfactory. I am a great admirer
of your work and I am sure that it will be of great
benefit to the public. I am, Sir, very truly,
Yours faithfully,
S. J. Callan.

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Bealecott St.,
Wellington,
N.Z.

From:--G. B. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
July 18, 1941.

Dear Father Geaney,

Too bad my last letter was so long in reaching you. Here goes another, by Air Mail this time, though former attempts in several other quarters proved just as slow--possibly going by ordinary mail.

According to a letter received recently, I am glad to hear that yours, all the P.M. Missionaries are at least in good health and the two Solomon Islanders; and we have heard from the P.M. that to me. Now, in the case of the P.M. missionaries, those two in 1940, and I am sure that they are all well, and in 1941 to report to me, and I am sure that they are all well, with any late coming in, and I am sure that they are all well, and as there is plenty of time for the P.M. missionaries, and the appointments, and I would have them all, and I am sure that you have guessed pretty rightly, that the P.M. missionaries in your Province will be allotted to the two islands. The other two will, I hope, be the individual missionaries.

We were glad to learn that the recent earthquake had not been so very severe and that there had no loss of life. The material damage can always be repaired, and if the loss of life is not so serious, such as the present, then it can be repaired, and we can go on.

I am sorry that you did not get the P.M. missionaries from the islands. Mr. Bishop, the Governor, was not sending the missionaries your way, due to some misunderstanding--which is not at all right. In offering apologies, I join herewith the list of this year's deaths in our Province:--

" Mr. William Thomas, Tonga, June 17; 1st & 60th.
" Louis Kayser, N.Z., " 10; 1st & 60th.
" Joseph Calvin, N.Z., July 8; 1st & 60th.

And have you had the following who died last year:--

" Mr. Vincent Barry, N.Z., Dec. 1st; 1st & 60th.
" Peter Roche, N.Z., " 15th; 1st & 60th.
" Joseph Martin, N.Z., Dec. 1st; 1st & 60th.

We have no late news from our Missions in occupied areas. God protect our Missionaries there and the souls of their former island labourers. We can do nothing for them materially, and that is hard and brings on much worry, whatever we bring up to banish it; we can only pray that all may be well enough with them until they can resume their normal life and work.

With respectful regards and all good wishes,
Yours faithfully in J.B.J.,

G. B. BERGERON, S.M.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

yours fraternally in J. M. J.

G. E. BERGERON, S. M.

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Mr. Pauline Burke,
Officer-in-charge,
Government of the S.S.I. Protectorate,
17 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

July 15, 1942.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and am very sincerely grateful for your information, through the Honorable the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Office and the Honorable the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Office, of the proposed of my visit to the S.S.I. Protectorate, to July 10th/42.

Your communications are duly acknowledged.

Yours at least service,

Wendell, Arthur, 10/10/42

July 31, 1942.

With best wishes,

G. M. BERGHEIM, S. M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.P.,

To:--Very Rev. J.M. Greve, S.P.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Aug. 3, 1947.

Dear Father Greve,

Let me first console with you on the death of another of your missionaries, such a comparatively young one, too, and such a worker. God rest his soul.

It is not right to criticize the dead, but it is permissible for the living to learn a lesson from their lives. If we could all wisely economize our strength in our zeal, and take prudent care of our health, we could spread over many more years the work we try to accomplish in a hurry running ourselves down--and, I believe, that advice to young missionaries on their way out to the mission, that none will get caught up by shirring ahead of activity, and will never moderate the movement. I am afraid that in the end with our dear Brother Anselm, who will now probably long regret his 4 1/2 years' work. Happily, the merit acquired will not be lost. He was, no doubt, but he will feel the burden of inactivity. Tell him that our 4 1/2 years' mission are praiseworthy for his complete devotion to God's work and strength as will permit him to take an amount of rest as much rest as will make life endurable for such an arduous work. He will never know a day of rest but that inspired by the love of God and His Church.

I wish to thank you for the telegram which arrived on the morning of the 1st day. Thanks also for the copy of your circular on Fr. Silvius's death. We all read it with interest and sympathy. It is to the Sisters for their edification.

The changes you have been obliged to make in the New Year have been noted. May all those Sisters, and all your workers for that matter, carry on with their accustomed zeal and devotion in all things.

With all good wishes to your good self, I say to you, Dear Father,

Yours fraternally in J.C.J.,

G.E. Bergeron, S.P.

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --His Lordship
Most Rev. A. Bresson, S.M.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

Aug. 4, 1942.

Monsieur,

Vous avez eu vos peines; vous avez vos justes consolations; les Pères Chof et Ronel sont restés à l'œuvre, et, je n'en doute pas, le P. Soury-Lavergne se remet vaillamment.

Ce que vous avez décidé pour la première de ces trois semaines sages. Si j'avais encore quelques mesures à proposer, c'est par les circonstances multiples et complexes dans lesquelles vous êtes placé de lui tant d'insister de réconciliation dans la maladie. Vous avez pris toutes les précautions possibles, et je vous en remercie. Mais n'est-il pas encore faire de longues années d'apostolat dans les îles du Pacifique.

Après votre télégramme au sujet de P. Soury-Lavergne, je vous en remercie de remettre de deux ou trois semaines son départ. Le Père Soury-Lavergne aura donc les raisons. Malgré la peine qu'il en ressent, il se remet de bonne grâce à la décision du Conseil Provincial, et par là même de bonne humeur. S'il a fait de sa visite à Sydney une bonne œuvre, peut-être le monde sera heureux de l'issue d'un malheureux malade. Enfin, il est de nouveau à votre disposition. Bien cordialement.

Le Père Soury-Lavergne fait cette semaine sa dernière retraite. Il est Noviciat, qui finira le 12 août. Il a fait presque tout son noviciat à Pittagong, chez les Sœurs Maristes, avec un programme très rigoureux. Les Pères des Novices et par son pour son éducation; tandis que les Pères des Novices ont été faites ici à Villa Maria. Il est très sérieux, et très vaillant. Nous avons pu nous fier à lui pour suivre son noviciat. Il est très vaillant. Je dois remettre au V. R. Père les conditions de son noviciat, et il a passé les six mois de son noviciat, et d'ailleurs de la même façon. Le Père l'appelle à son vœu de stabilité. Bien entendu, il ne peut pas nous serions autorisés à faire nous-mêmes l'appel. À l'égard de son retour dans sa mission, je tiens à vous remercier de la liberté que vous avez été assez bon de m'octroyer dans votre lettre du 24 juin. En conséquence, le Père voudrait bien rentrer dans sa mission avec son noviciat. Je lui ai souvent dit, et je le lui ai répété hier, qu'il est venu à Sydney principalement parce qu'il était malade, et que la question du Noviciat est secondaire et conséquente, que s'il est bien au jugement des Pères qui l'ont si bien examiné au début, et à qui je demanderai de faire un autre sérieux examen, il pourra se remettre dans sa mission de suite; mais que s'il lui faut prolonger son séjour en Australie, il devra faire le sacrifice que son cas lui imposera: il serait ridicule de faire les frais d'un voyage à Sydney, si on n'en tire pas tout le profit, et s'il faut en quelques semaines après le retour retomber dans les anciennes misères. Il veut bien obéir, car il a les qualités d'un bon religieux; mais il a ses idées fixes, innées, de famille, dit-on, sur les médicaments et leurs drogues, et il est difficile à soigner. Là il est têtue. Fort de votre permission, je le garderai ici aussi longtemps qu'il le faudra, mais pas plus longtemps qu'il ne faudra. Depuis plus d'un mois, il n'a pas eu de saignées. Il a un peu meilleure mine; mais il reste très maigre. Ses yeux aussi sont souvent rouges comme s'il avait la fièvre; ce qu'il nie, toutefois.

t.s.v.p.

J'ai reçu le 24 juillet une lettre de M. A. Brenac, le Secrétaire du Comité National Français, conçue comme suit: "J'ai l'honneur d'être chargé par l'Amiral Thierry d'Arpenliou, Haut-Commissaire de France pour le Pacifique à l'honneur de vous offrir le transport gratuit sur le "Cap des Palmes" du ravitaillement destiné aux Missions des îles du Pacifique."

"Le P. Nicolas a déjà fait le nécessaire pour ses confrères mais je tenais, de toute façon, à vous faire part de l'offre de l'Amiral qui vous est adressée personnellement." Bien bon de sa part, n'est-ce pas? Et je le fait connaître à tous les intéressés. C'est grâce à ce moyen que la Mission, si longtemps délaissée, isolée, de M. Bonnet, a pu être ravitaillée.

Les nouvelles continuent aussi bonnes selon nos confrères de toutes nos autres Missions, excepte les Salomon du Nord. De celle-ci, rien absolument depuis la fin de janvier.

Prions bien les uns pour les autres, surtout dans les circonstances actuelles où se trouvent nos Confrères, rien d'ennuyeux pour nous, mais les comme nous, plus éprouvés, peut-être que nous.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monseigneur,

De Votre Grandeur,

Le tout dévoué en J. P. S.,

C. E. BRETHERTON, S. J.

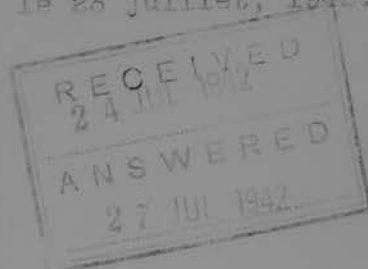
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Révérénd Père Provincial des Maristes,
Mary Street,
HUNTERS HILL.

Révérénd Père,

J'ai l'honneur d'être chargé par l'Amiral
Thierry d'Argenlieu, Haut-Commissaire de France pour
le Pacifique à Nouméa de vous offrir le transport
gratuit sur le "Cap des Palmes" du ravitaillement
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pour ces expéditions mais je tenais, de toute façon,
à vous faire part de l'offre de l'Amiral qui vous est
adressée personnellement.

Veuillez agréer, Révérend Père,
l'expression de mes sentiments très respectueux.

Le Délégué du Comité National Français :



GC.AT.

M.A. Brenae,
Délégué du Comité National Français,
Délégation de la France Libre,
60 Hunter St.,
Sydney.

17 juillet, 1943.

Monsieur le Délégué du Comité National Français,

Il est l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre communication en
vingt-trois de ce mois, où vous avez l'amabilité de me faire part
de l'offre généreuse de l'Amiral Thierry d'Argenlieu, commandant en
chef de France pour le Pacifique à l'occasion de l'anniversaire
de la "Guerre des Palues" du ravitaillement destiné aux forces armées
du Pacifique.

Tout sensible à ce bon geste de l'Amiral Thierry d'Argenlieu,
je me ferai un devoir de le faire apprécier par mes collègues
des îles qui en sont les bénéficiaires. En attendant, je vous prie,
Monsieur le Délégué, de vouloir bien faire parvenir au Comité National
de France mes remerciements les plus sincères et les plus cordiaux
hommages.

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Délégué, d'agréer de ma part
reconnaissance pour votre bienveillance et de ma profonde gratitude.

Provinciaal des Indes des Indes
Batavia, le 17 juillet 1943.

Villa Maria,

7 aout, 1943.

Visite du Commandant Ortoli, du Triomphant, qui avait une
depeche du Haut-Commissaire, Amiral d'Argenlieu, Rouven, se demandant
serai-je favorable au rappel du S. Simler de Wallis par le "Cap des
Palmes" a Sydney (Australie) ou ailleurs, parce qu'il s'est rendu in-
desirable aux Autorites Francaises et Americaines.

N'ayant rien reçu de M. Poncet je lui adressai le telegramme
suivant, necessairement par l'entremise du Commandant et du Haut-Com-
missaire:--

Monsieur Poncet

Wallis

D'apres rapport du Haut-Commissaire Rouven, M. Simler se serait
rendu indésirable-----decidez si son retour a Sydney par le "Cap des
Palmes" serait opportun.

Bergeron.

Aug. 15, 1904.

Reverend and Dear Father Wilson,

I thank you sincerely for your last lot of 5000--received yesterday--with the amount of \$40.00. We shall endeavor to keep the specified amount as near as possible, and will send you a bill for the same. I am sure that you will find that more than one way of giving a gift is possible. I am, dear Sir, very truly yours,

I remain, dear Father,

Very truly yours,

Mr. R. Gould,
National Studios Ltd.,
Borewood.

19th, 1940.

Dear Mr. Gould,

I wish you could present the enclosed cheque as a token of appreciation for your assistance in the production of the negative of our film "The Great Dictator". The cheque is for £100.00 and is sufficient to pay you for the negative of the film. I am sure you will be of assistance to me in the future.

With best wishes and regards,

Very Rev. J. Pilbry, M.S.C.,
Mission Procure,
Georgetown.

2 Nov. 1944.

Dear Father Pilbry,

Dear Father Pilbry, I have just received a letter from the Superior of the Mission of the Holy Spirit, St. John's, Antigua, Barbados, dated 28th Oct. 1944, in which he informs me that the Mission of the Holy Spirit, St. John's, Antigua, Barbados, is now in the process of being re-organized, and that the Superior is now in the process of selecting a new Superior for the Mission.

I have been very interested to hear of this, and I have been very glad to hear that the Mission is now in the process of being re-organized, and that the Superior is now in the process of selecting a new Superior for the Mission. I have been very interested to hear of this, and I have been very glad to hear that the Mission is now in the process of being re-organized, and that the Superior is now in the process of selecting a new Superior for the Mission.

The following are the names of the candidates:

Kela--frequently used in connection with the Mission.

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Any information that you will be able to furnish will be deeply appreciated by the Superior of the Mission.

Yours very truly,

Therese, Superior of the Mission of the Holy Spirit, St. John's, Antigua, Barbados. I have been very interested to hear of this, and I have been very glad to hear that the Mission is now in the process of being re-organized, and that the Superior is now in the process of selecting a new Superior for the Mission.

With very best wishes,

With very best wishes, I am, Sir, very truly, your obedient servant, J. J. J.

Very truly yours, J. J. J.

At the request of the Superior of the Mission.

Yours very truly,

Ch. 10

From: --G. J. Bergeron, S. M.,

Pas de nouvelles de Mr. Fado depuis le 7 mars, on sait le monde
était bien chez lui. Rien de Mr. Fado depuis le 1. mai, on sait le monde
personnel était indemne et de bonne santé. Je vous demande si de s'occuper
pour eux et pour leurs missions.

Les saluts à tous vos parents et amis.

A vous, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments.

Je vous prie de tout dire à vos amis.

From: C. J. Peterson, M.D.,

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Best wishes to all..especially Sr.M.Damien.

Yours sincerely in C. H. J.,

G. E. BERGIRON, S. M.

The REGISTRAR,
Nurses' Registration Board,
Sydney.

Sept. 18, 1948.

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that I have known
HELEN CAUDRONA, known as Sister H. CAUDRONA, for the last two
years, during which time she has proved herself to be a devoted
and dependable, intelligent, and efficient nurse, and
a conscientious and cheerful worker.

I can therefore warmly recommend her to the
Nurses' Registration Board as a most capable candidate.

Yours faithfully,

Provisional of the Nurses' Registration
Board, Sydney.

G. E. R.

Mr. J. Abbott,
Controller-General,
Department of Lands and Survey,
Canberra.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above-mentioned matter. I am sorry to hear that you are unable to supply the information requested. I am sure that you will be able to supply the same in the future.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,

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Controller-General.

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His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.M.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Oct. 11, 1948.

Your Excellency,

It is with deep regret that I have to convey to you the sad news that has just been communicated to me from the office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Canberra, relating the cruel fate of two of our Sisters and one of our Sisters at Nua Vatu, Guadalcanal, and Tasieloko, the Victims of the Lordship of Bishop J. M. Aubin, S.S.

You will find herewith a "Copy" of the High Commissioner's letter. Father Suplerink was a Dutch Priest only thirty-three years old. Father Dubamel was an American, and thirty-four years of age. The two Sisters Sylvia and Maria were thirty-five and thirty-two years old respectively. Sister Admee, who was spared, is about thirty-five years old.

That a loss and sorrow for a Mission that had suffered much in the past years from various causes. "....dit waren zwaar beproevingen."

Nua Vatu is the Mission near the airstrip built by the Japanese on Guadalcanal, and Tasieloko is very close to the station. That locality was, therefore, in the thick of it for over a month.

Needless to add that I shall keep this news secret until it is released by the High Commissioner and by your Office.

Asking your blessing upon Mr. Aubin and his Mission, I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J. J.,

C O P Y

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
CANBERRA.

Ref: 8/209.

21st October, 1942.

S E C R E T .

Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that he has received a telegram from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific asking that the following message be conveyed to you:--

"Confidential.

Please convey following to The Very Reverend E. Bergeron, S.M., Head of Marist Mission, Sydney. 7301/42.

Much regret to inform you that confirmed reports have been received that Fathers Eucharist and Dubourel and Sisters Sylvia and Odilia of Marist Catholic Mission, Vanuatu, Guadalcanal have been murdered by Japanese soldiers. They were bayoneted in throat. Their bodies have been found at Tasimboko. The third Sister Anne is safe.

2. It is important this should not be made public pending further advice from this office. 7301/42."

Sir Ronald Cross desires to express to you his regret at having to convey this sad news, and his sympathy in the loss which the Mission has suffered.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature) H. L. Asholme
Official Secretary.

The Very Reverend E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Provincial Superior of Marist Missions
in the Pacific Islands,
St. Patrick's Presbytery,
Church Hill,
SYDNEY.

From:--H. G. Wells, N. Y.,

To:--Mr. H. G. Wells, N. Y.,
Encl. 10.

6. 11. 11.

My dear Mr. Wells,

Je t'ai écrit, il y a quelques jours, une lettre
très longue, dans laquelle j'ai essayé de t'exposer
mon point de vue sur la question de la guerre. Je
t'ai dit que je pensais que la guerre était une
nécessité, mais que je pensais aussi que la guerre
était une chose terrible, et que je pensais que
nous devions faire tout ce que nous pouvions
pour l'éviter. Je t'ai dit que je pensais que
la guerre était une chose terrible, et que je
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et que je pensais que nous devions faire tout
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Il y a une chose que je tiens à te dire, c'est
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En attendant tout cela, qui ne fait encore, comme je le disais au
commencement, revivre d'anciennes scènes, continues à prier pour moi, pour
tous nos Missions, dont certaines sont bien à plaindre, envahies par l'en-
nemi.

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Rev. Father Bergeron,
Provincial of Marist Missions,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill. N.S.W.

Rev. Sir,

Your letter to the Very Rev. L. Dubois, Loire, France, has been returned to us by the Censor for the reason that it contains mainly of the names and movements of missionaries, particularly those residing in the Solomon Islands and it is suggested that you should rewrite your communication restricting same to purely personal matters as clearly stressed in the regulations.

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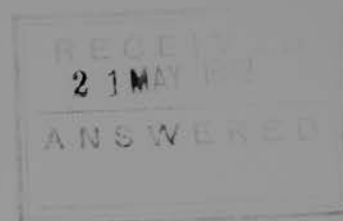
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REPLY TO MEC/O Box 520, LISBON, PORTUGAL.

April 10, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Dubois,

It is not quite two months since I last wrote, namely Feb. 17, and so many things have taken place since then in our Mission Field, that I can only give you the main items of interest, and that in a very condensed and "cocktail" form.

First we are all well enough here.

Fr. Boussit was able at last to return to his Mission, and was very lucky in the arrangements for his journey. Fr. Chol has all his papers, etc. and is now willing to go back. But in his stead we have here Fr. Rouël, whose story cannot now be told; but who may be called back any time to resume his missionary work. Fr. Soury-Lavergne is apparently improving; he is certainly not any worse than he was. Fr. Centaur requires the combined strength of Fr. Schwehr, me and the rest, to be held in control, and not too successfully either, for he is very shrewd to find a loophole and slippery to get through it--and always so innocently...it's anybody else's fault.

April 11.

I was stopped yesterday by a sudden attack of malaria. Yes, it got me--five weeks after I came back from the M.H., and when I thought that I was immune. It is never very bad, however. One afternoon in bed, a good sweat and a refreshing sleep, and it is all over.

Fr. Chaize is here for a week's rest. He has had laryngitis, the 'flu and what-not, and asked Fr. Schwehr to relieve him at the Mater, while he came here for a change.

On the 7th I received a bit of very bad news, and it came from official government sources. The message ran about as follows: News has come through that Bishop Wade, Fr. Hennessy and Fr. Conley have been made prisoners of war and taken to Rabaul. That naturally gave us a shock: it touched us so closely and, so to say, to the quick. The effect of the immediate shock was however mitigated that evening by what a Fr. of the Sacred Heart, a former missionary in those parts, told me that he felt sure that they were taken to Vanapope, as all previously arrested Fathers and Brothers were interned there. If that is so, then Bishop Wade and his two companions are in good company and will be well cared for. No doubt Fr. Boch will take over the administration of the Mission in the meantime. We have been cut off from that Vicariate since December.

Not so with Bishop Aubin's Mission, for we have been able to get in touch with them as late as Mar. 19th., and all were well then. By the way, Bishop Aubin, asked me to communicate that to you. No more provisions can be sent them; but they are in plenty of the main staples for five or six months.

It is pretty hard to answer your recent query as to the likely cause or causes of so much unrest in that Mission. Some of the things mentioned in my report (and held here) after the visitation will serve partly. Other things have come in since then. Briefly putting both together, and with all due reserve, it may be said that there happened to be together, at the same time, too many queer characters, who had wrong first principles on the religious life and the missionary life; next, for years there were four different Procurators in the Mission, causing a lot of misunderstanding and consequent discontent; then, Mgr. Aubin was too good, and not wishing to hurt anyone's feelings, failed to give clear-cut and firm decisions; lastly, the troubled times seemed to upset several unsteady minds.

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and bring as many crises to a head. Of the first cause we have besides the Davese case, that of Podevigne, Scanlon, Wall, de Klerk, van Houte, Bns. Anthony and Michael, in varying degrees. Circumstances have done away with the second cause, at least in a couple of its representatives--~~Talugi being given up~~. To the third may be pinned Bro. Anthony's defection, as the arrangement made by His Lordship was certainly not clear and not insisted upon. The same for relations with Fr. de Klerk. Also, in changes that should have been made when it was yet time to save some Confreres from more serious troubles--Fr. Wall, Fr. de Klerk (who is still where he was) McMahon. Coming to the last cause, some lost perspective and wanted to become soldiers for the ^{in respect to} Homeland, and lost thereby their peace of mind and soul, as they were already bound by their vocation to another ^{and a} different life:--Fr. Van Houte, Bro. Michael and Fr. Podevigne. As this has not been manifest in any other Mission, I wonder ~~as~~ is this a real cause, or is there something else underneath which ~~prefers to~~ remain hidden, ~~for instance, the third~~.

Bro. Anthony's case came rapidly to a settlement. When I got your word, I asked the Bro. did he still wish to change Provinces. He replied that it was now much more than a change of Provinces, for he had applied to the Apostolic Delegate--leading me to believe that he had asked to be dispensed from his vows altogether, though he did not say that. There was, then, nothing to do but to await a reply from His Excellency. It came; not as the Bro. expected, but in a letter addressed to me, saying that Brother Anthony had asked to be transferred to the Australian Province, and could I not see with Fr. Hurley what could be done to accede to his wish. The Brother was not pleased with that; but he had to take it. And ^{Fr. Hurley} had already discussed particulars awaiting your answer, things were settled that the transfer would take effect as from the 4th April. ^{Now at -} Fr. Hurley allowed a Brother from Toongabbie, Br. James, to come and ^{Toongabbie} give one year of his services to ~~Villa Maria~~, as a compensation. You will understand that we could not get in touch with Mgr. Aubin, whose idea in the matter was well known--that the Brother was lost to his Mission, when he left over a year ago.

Father Nicolas and I have been very busy all this time with so many unusual things coming in such unusual times. We are not allowed to write to you by any other channel and are very limited in the range of news that will be allowed to go through. You will have to be patient. Yet I shall try to keep you as posted as regulations will permit.

With all respectful good wishes,
Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G. E. Bergeron, S.M.
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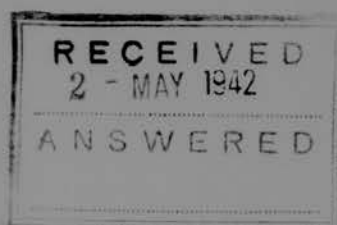
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Rev. G.D. Bergeron,
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Reverend Sir,

Your letter to the Very Rev. L. Dubois has been returned to us by the Censor for the reason that it consists mainly of the names and movements of missionaries and in addition gives the names of missionaries who have been made prisoners of war in New Guinea and speculates as to their probable treatment.

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Very Reverend and Dear Father Dubois,

You must have been very anxious regarding the fate of Bishop Wade and his two companions. I am to-day in position to give you more consoling news. Yesterday a telegramme was received from the same official source, namely, from the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate through the High Commissioner ~~at~~ at Suva, saying: "I am glad to say that advice has now been received, capture Bishop Wade incorrect. It appears that report was of enemy origin. Please inform Mission."

It is regrettable that it does not mention the two Fathers who had been reported captured with him. But we presume that the earlier report of their arrest was also incorrect. Please God that our supposition may be right. I shall try to clear that point.

On the other hand, it is comforting to learn from many minor bits of information gathered from any and all sources that the Fathers, the Brothers and the Sisters in both Solomons are well, clustered at some more important Mission Centres, where they have a sufficiency of necessary provisions and can give one another mutual comfort.

Last time I wrote I forgot to mention that Fr. Guillaume is at last a free man, except that he may not go back to his former Mission. So Bishop Bresson has kept him provisionally in his Vicariate and given him work. That deprives compulsorily Bishop Halbert of a valued missionary; but we hope that when things become normal again, Fr. Guil. may be restored to him. The verdict was "non-lieu".

Frs. Kerrmann and A. Soubeyran have been very sick. There were complications in both their cases. The former underwent a rather simple operation for hernia; but there were after-effects. Thank God, he is now just about right again. The latter's case in itself was more serious, as he is diabetic. He too, however, was recently reported as well on the way to satisfactory health.

We have Brother James Purcell now with us. He is giving us all satisfaction so far by his regularity and good spirits. I hope he will be willing to remain with us more than the year we bargained for. He being of about the same age as Bro. Andrew is a great companion to him, and both are taking keen interest in the House. It is so much pleasanter to give them the weekly spiritual conference, too. With Bro. Anthony there I had to be so careful what I said, as he was exceedingly touchy and ready to misinterpret.

Fr. Chol, whose papers have been ready for some weeks, is still with us. We do not know when he will be able to return to his Mission. Fr. Rouël sometimes has the blues. He was so active at home; and now, without a word of English at his command, he feels like a fish out of water. Fr. Soury-Lavergne is at Mittagong with the Marist Sisters, and apparently improving in health, for he is on a strict diet on account of threatened ulcers in the intestines. We hope to pull him out of the danger from that source.

The rest of us, including old Fr. Rigard, are keeping just the same.

The Centenary of the Mission in Tonga will soon be due, I am getting an article ready for the local Catholic Paper--we have only one now: "The Catholic Weekly", and it is very good--to try to make people realise that the Marist Fathers have more Missions in the Pacific than the Solomons. It will be difficult; and I am pretty sure that when I have done my best again, some good friend of the Missions will ask me, "What part of the Solomons is Tonga?"

(t.s.p.)

Give my respectful regards to the Very Reverend Superior General,
and the other Fathers at the Mother House.

Very Rev. Brother Clement, of the Marist Brothers, told me to-day
that you have not been very well of late. I hope it was nothing se-
rious, and that you are again your old self.

With all good wishes, I remain, Dear Father,

Yours very devotedly in J.M.J.,

G. E. Bergeron, S.M.

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5th October, 1942

Dear Father,

I refer to your letter of 29th September, 1942, in which you request permission to forward a letter to the Headquarters of the General Administration of the Society of Mary, at La Neyliere, unoccupied France.

I have to advise that, so far as the Trading with the Enemy Act is concerned, there is no objection to the despatch of the letter which is returned herewith, suitably endorsed, for transmission through Thos. Cook & Son - Wagon-Lits (A/asia) Pty. Ltd.

Those portions of the letter which you had obliterated by overtyping have been cut out in order to avoid any misunderstanding.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Wilson

(A. H. Wilson)

Actg. Comptroller-General.

The Provincial,
Marist Fathers,
Villa Maria Monastery,
Hunter's Hill,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Imperial Billiard Table Co.,
641 Parramatta Rd.,
Leichardt.

Oct. 8, 1942.

Dear Sirs,

We have a billiard table here at Villa Maria, Mary St., Hunter's Hill, the cushions of which need renovating, --new rubber bands and cloth. The cloth on the table itself is practically new, and it need not be touched. The table is $\frac{3}{4}$ size, old model.

Could you undertake to renovate the six cushions, and what are your conditions?

If you think it necessary, you might detail one of your men to inspect the table for dimensions, etc. There is always someone at home to receive him whenever he comes.

yours faithfully,

Rev. Mere Louis-Chanel,
Mittagong.

9 oct. 1942.

Ma Reverende Mere,

Bien regrettable pour vous et pour toute la Communauté, cette visitation de rougeole, dont vous auriez pu vous passer. J'espère que tout le monde s'en tirera sans grave conséquence, -- autre que le renvoi de la cérémonie de Profession et de Prise d'Habit au 21 nov., Fête de la Présentation. Franchement, cette date me va tout aussi bien que l'autre. Au 21 nov., donc, le plaisir de vous faire une visite que je vous dois à plusieurs titres déjà.

Je vous remercie des bonnes nouvelles que vous me donnez du P. Soury-Lavergne. Si le Pere va certainement mieux, ne serait-il pas temps de songer à nous rendre à son desir de se rapatrier? Auriez-vous la bonté de me donner votre avis à ce sujet? Car moi, je ne le vois que rarement. Il se dit toujours très bien, mais il ne m'a pas l'air d'en gagner beaucoup entre ses visites, au moins au point de vue du poids. Il y des gens, je le sais, qui restent longtemps sans un surplus de graisse, mais ils n'ont pas toujours la même raison que lui d'être ainsi. S'il est réellement bien, toutefois, je ne tiens pas à lui faire de la peine inutilement, et à priver sa Mission de ses bons services. Au cas où il partirait, la Providence nous trouvera bien son remplaçant auprès de votre communauté de Mittagong.

Ci-inclus vous trouverez la lettre de Mgr. l'archevêque: inutile de la garder ici. Mettez-la avec vos autres documents de Sa Grandeur.

Croyez-moi, ma Mere,

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

10 oct. 1942.

Cher Pere Soury-Lavergne,

Vous serait-il possible de m'expedier par la poste le numero du "Catholic Record" qui donne les facultes des aumoniers de guerre? C'est celui du mois d'avril 1940, 1941, si je ne me trompe. Un de nos Eveques me demande tout de suite des renseignements qui y sont contenus.

Comment allez-vous? Si votre sante se maintient, le temps serait peut-etre venu de commencer les demarches pour votre retour a votre Mission. Nous pourrions en parler d'une maniere pratique quand vous viendrez a la Conference Ecclesiastique du 28 oct., --si vous ne venez pas plus tot, car vous avez toute liberte de pousser une visite a Villa Maria, si le coeur vous en dit.

Tout ici va comme a l'ordinaire.

Croyez-moi, cher Confrere,

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

His Honour
The High Commissioner for
the United Kingdom,
Canberra.

Oct.10,1942.

Ref: 8/209.

SECRET.

Your Honour,

I am deeply indebted to you and hereby thank you very sincerely for communicating to me the telegram from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific concerning the cruel fate of two of our Fathers and two of our Sisters in the Island of Guadalcanal and the safety of a third Sister.

You may rest assured that I shall comply with His Honour's request contained in no.2 of his telegram that "It is important this should not be made public pending further advice from this office".

Kindly accept my deepest appreciation of your sympathy in the great loss our Mission has suffered.

And will you please convey to His Honour the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific my profound thanks for his thoughtfulness and courtesy. Naturally, sad as some news may be, in some instances, I shall be prepared to receive with gratitude the communications emanating from his office and conveyed to me by yours concerning the personnel of our Missions within your Jurisdiction.

I have the honour to be,

yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Mission
in the Pacific.

Rev. Mother Thomas,
Marist Convent,
Woolwich.

Oct. 10, 1942.

Reverend and Dear Mother Thomas,

Yes, Father Procurator and I can advance the additional £ 400 mentioned in your note of the 9th.--shall we say on the same conditions as the former loan? We cannot on account of war regulations send all the Mission money to the good Bishops, so we might as well make as much of it as remains here in our hands produce as much as it can for them.

Let me know when you will need it, and Fr. Nicolas will issue the cheque to you.

I thank you for the prayers you kindly say for my intentions, for they are many and very engrossing these evil days when our Missions are in the midst of the maelstrom. God save our Fathers, our Brothers and our Sisters scattered among the islands of the Pacific.

The ceremony at Mittagong has been postponed on account of sickness at the Convent to the 1st Nov. Nothing very serious, thank God.

With wishes and prayers for your good self and for the whole Community.

The High Commissioner
for the United Kingdom,
Canberra.

Oct. 12, 1942.

Your Honour,

A telegram received this morning from the Provincial Superior of the Marist Fathers in New Zealand reveals that the substance of your communication to me dated October the 8th, RE sad death of four Members of the Catholic Mission on Guadalcanal, is known in New Zealand.

Here is the telegram in full as emitted from Wellington:--

"Father Bergeron Villa Maria Hunter's Hill Sydney--
Fathers Duhamel and Oude Kaperink killed Bishop ill at Tanagerare Others well as far as is known-- Geaney"

If therefore the sad news reaches the public before your advise or allow its release here, I beg to suggest that its publication did not emanate from the Headquarters of the Marist Missions here.

I beg to remain

Your Honour's obedient servant,

Provincial of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Oct. 13, 1942.

Your Excellency,

Shortly after I had mailed my last letter to you another telegram came from Very Rev. V. Kearney S.M., Provincial for our Fathers in New Zealand, which I copy in full:--"Father Bergeron--Villa Maria--Hunter's Hill--Sydney Fathers Duhamel and Oude Engberink killed--Bishop ill at Tangarare--Others well as far as is known--Geaney"

That brings in another important fact, which is not surprising in the circumstances, the illness of His Lordship. Tangarare used to be a very large Station on the southwestern coast of Guadalcanal, on the opposite side of the Island from Buna Vatu, on a line directly west. No mention is made in the message of the Sisters. The terrible fate of the Fathers, however, is known in New Zealand, and if the news of it reaches the public before Your Excellency allows its release here, I beg to advise that it will not have emanated from the Headquarters of the Marist Missions at Villa Maria.

May the prayers of the Catholic world on Mission Sunday bring relief and protection to all Missionaries, especially to those now in the zone of war.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J2M2M?

13 OCT 1942

On advice of Apostolic Delegate replied Fr. Leamy's
message as follows: — (by 'phone to telegraph office)

" Father Leamy

17 Boulcott St.

Wellington, N.Z.

Thanks for sad message (stop) Request of the High
Commissioner for the United Kingdom Canberra to keep
same secret and not publish until released
by him

Bergeron "

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Vila, N.H.

13 oct. 1942.

Monsieur,

Je suis arriere; trois de vos lettres attendent une reponse. Il y bien eu de ma part de l'avachisme; mais pas seulement cela, pourtant. Parfois les choses trainent d'elles-memes; d'autres fois elles vous tombent dessus en avalanche. Si on se laisse engourdir par le petit train des premieres, on risque fort de voir pauser le temps en de futiles efforts pour se mettre au pas accelere des dernieres. C'est un peu ce qui m'est arrive dernièrement: j'avais fini une bonne battue; je respirais un peu; les affaires reprenaient normales--lettres, visites, demarches, tout aurait facilement son tour. Soudain, le plan change, tout arrive en meme temps--et continue a arriver apres ce "meme temps"--lettres urgentes, renseignements a fournir tout de suite, demarches a entreprendre sans delai, etc. etc. Et tous les matins ma conscience me montrait votre lettre du 22 juillet,--puis celle du 13 aout--et enfin celle du 22 sept'. Et je ne puis répondre, a tete reposée, ~~aujourd'hui~~.

Par la Mere M. Rose, qui ecrivait a point a la Revue Mere Regionale de Vila au sujet de Sr. M. Cyrille, j'ai cru me decharger pour le moment de la lettre de Votre Grandeur du 22 juillet, puisqu'elle devait expliquer a Mere M. Alexis la mauvaise tournure qu'avait prise la maladie de Sr. M. Cyrille, lorsque tout le monde, la malade surtout, la croyait bien acheminée vers sa bonne sante pristin. En effet, la Soeur avait, contre toute attente, recommence ses vomissements, ses maux d'estomac, etc. comme auparavant. Les Rayons-X avaient revele quelque chose d'anormal au duodenum. On crut a un ulcere. Il fallait donc encore l'operer. Ce qu'elle ne voulait plus. Menee a l'hopital de nouveau, elle etait restee souffrante et indecise. C'est alors que m'arrivait votre lettre avec les copies des requetes du Docteur et du Commissaire-Resident, etc.

Il y a bien eu de sa faute, a la Soeur, dans ces insistance: comme tant d'autres, Peres et Soeurs, venant a Sydney pour traitement ou pour repos, qui veulent tout de suite se rapatrier et exagerent pour cela les premiers signes d'amelioration dans leur etat de sante, elle s'est dite guerrie avant l'avis des Docteurs et le notre, afin de rentrer reprendre son travail a Vila. Elle n'etait pas guerrie: nous le voyions de plus en plus. Elle disait que nous n'etions pas raisonnables. Les suites nous ont justifies. La Soeur fut operée de nouveau, non pas d'ulceres, mais de dures adhesions et d'un duodenum ramasse. C'etait le 15 sept. Elle commence a se lever. Elle s'en tirera, nous l'esperons cette fois pour de bon. Puis elle sera en etat de rentrer reprendre son travail a la clinique. Nous nous rendons bien compte que les Soeurs de Vila Surchargées reclament a hauts cris son retour: c'est normal. Mais il ne faut pas tout de meme que Sr. M. Cyrille leur revienne plutot comme un surcroit d'inquietude et de surmenage. Nous ne tenons pas a garder indefiniment ceux qui nous sont confies, vous le comprenez, Monsieur; d'autre part, il est de notre devoir, tant aupres des malades qu'aupres des Vicariats, de faire acquitter de notre tache en toute conscience--ce qui n'est pas toujours agreable--temoin le cas du Cure de Fayoue. Heureusement les Eveques et les Superieurs comprennent cela, et nous laissent

juger de l'opportunité des retours en Mission; mais les malades eux-mêmes souvent montrent de l'impatience--pour ne pas dire un manque de tact et de délicatesse à notre égard, que nous leur passons d'ailleurs facilement--se croient capables avant le temps et risquent de rendre les frais d'un voyage à Sydney autant d'argent jeté dans le Pacifique, qui en absorbe déjà bien assez par ailleurs.

J'ai toute confiance, Monseigneur, que Monsieur le Commissaire-Resident, le Docteur en chef de l'hôpital, et les autres intéressés seront convaincus et nous seront reconnaissants de leur rendre, pas aussi tôt qu'ils l'avaient espéré, mais aussi tôt que possible la Sr. M. Cyrille complètement guérie et toute prête à reprendre ses services qu'ils estiment tant.

Pendant que je lambinais à vous répondre et que je m'en rapportais à Mère M. Rose, voilà votre dernière lettre qui m'arrive, celle du 22 sept. La bonne Mère vous donnait alors l'état du progrès qu'avait fait la Soeur depuis son opération. Samedi dernier la Soeur fut ramené au couvent de Villa Maria. Elle tient le lit, naturellement, suit un régime très restreint--pas de viande. Elle vomit toujours après les repas. Serait-ce un vomissement nerveux? Les médecins s'en étonnent; n'osent se prononcer. La Mère me dit à l'instant qu'elle se demande si jaais elle reprendra complètement le dessus. Il faudra, même dans le cas d'un parfait recouvrement, qu'elle passe plusieurs semaines encore à Sydney. Quand au retour, à moins d'un changement rassurant pour les voyages par mer, elle ne partirait que par avion. Vous avez bien dit aux Messieurs de Vila que nous ne permettons plus aux Religieuses de s'aventurer par bateaux. Je ne prendrai plus sur moi de faire voyager même les Pères par cette voie, par les temps qui courent. C'est ce que nous avons décidé pour le P. Soury-Lavergne, qui semble guéri, et qui songe à rentrer. Lui-même a vu la sagesse de notre décision. Nous commencerons les démarches pour son voyage quand il viendra nous revoir à la fin du mois, si l'amélioration s'est maintenue dans son état de santé.

La question que vous avez amenée dans votre lettre à moi du 22 septembre j'ai eu l'honneur de la présenter à Son Excellence le Délégué Apostolique jeudi le 8 oct., c'est-à-dire trois jours après l'avoir reçue. Les facultés qu'ont les Aumôniers Américains, il veut les avoir pour les Aumôniers Australiens et autres de sa juridiction. Il en a communiqué avec le Vatican et attend une réponse avec tous les détails authentiques de ces facultés. Le tout doit arriver ce mois-ci. Son Excellence en distribuera les feuilles sans délai. Patience encore quelques jours. J'ai ensuite demandé au Délégué si un Evêque, de nos îles par exemple, dans le cas où il nommerait lui-même un de ses prêtres pour servir d'aumônier pouvait déléguer à ce prêtre les pouvoirs qui sont contenus dans une lettre du Saint-Siège publiée au commencement de la guerre actuelle et traduite dans le "Catholic Record", revue du Clergé Australien. (le P. Soury-Lavergne a le no. de la question à Mittagong, mais il doit me le renvoyer par la poste). Sa réponse a été affirmative: il suffit qu'un Père (un prêtre) soit nommé aumônier d'un lieu d'importance quelconque--force militaire--armée, marine, aviation--pour qu'il est ipso facto toutes ces facultés dont je parle. Je les ai déjà copiées une fois pour le P. Orevé; j'en ferai une copie pour le P. Soury-Lavergne. Le numéro sera ici.

Vous recevez les Feuilles Administratives de Mgr. Bresson? Voyez la Communication (2e serie) no. 98, du 1er sept. de cette année. Vous y trouverez au clair une suite de Questions et Réponses au sujet des ~~accidents~~ ^{accidents} aux soldats américains. Il n'y a qu'un point sur lequel il faille faire une addition importante: le terme Aliquid per modum potus ne s'applique pas à la boisson alcoolique. Dans le cas de cette dernière il faut toujours le jeûne depuis minuit. Mais à sous-peu le dossier complet, et directement du Vatican à Son Excellence pour les siens.

Tres peu de nouvelles de la Maison-Generale. Le R. P. Dubois nous a fait parvenir la Lettre aux Missionnaires, no 71, du 23 avril, reçue ici le 25 août. Tout le monde à la Seylière était bien. Le R. Grimal avait pu se rendre à Rome pour y continuer ses études et ses efforts en faveur surtout de la Cause de notre Venerable Fondateur. Je vois par votre lettres que vous avez plus de nouvelles de part et d'autre que nous.

Mes amities et pieux souvenirs à Sr. M. Bertha. Je prie bien pour le retour de sa santé, si c'est la volonté du Bon Dieu. Elle ne desire pas autre chose, j'en suis sûr.

Veuillez bien me croire que je ne m'attends pas à recevoir à point tous les comptes des Stations. Les communications sont si irrégulières... et que des Missions sont absolument isolées. On fait ce que l'on peut; le Bon Dieu Lui-Même n'en demande pas ~~plus d'avantage~~.

Vous avez fait une chose très commendable en constituant "une caisse de reserve" pour les coups de Trafalgar, comme vous dites. Le Père Procureur fera son possible pour vous faciliter la chose.

Je vous remercie d'une manière spéciale pour les bonnes nouvelles que vous me donnez dans votre missive du 23 juillet sur les Confreres visites dans votre dernière patrouille à travers votre Vicariat. Il ^{est} ~~est~~ sait bien relire les noms de ces charmants Confreres visites chez eux; il y a juste un an. Et que de choses se sont passées depuis ce temps. Même le volcan qui s'en mêle. Dieu merci, pas de malheur de personnes ou de Stations cette fois.

J'ai à écrire au P. Clenet, car Mr. Paton ne cesse de me parler du Père qu'il estime, ça se voit, bien profondément. Jamais il ne vient à Sydney sans m'appeler au téléphone, et quelques fois il m'adresse un mot de chez lui en Tasmanie. Il en était rendu à son 109e furoncle, dont il semble avoir un fonds intarissable. Il est tellement brave homme, quoique un peu simple, que ~~je~~ souhaite pour lui la grace de la conversion.

Il est temps de clore: vous allez vous fatiguer à me lire. Mieux vaudrait écrire plus souvent, suggererez-vous, et ne pas en écrire si long.

Je vous renouvelle donc mes meilleurs vœux et vous prie de me croire toujours

De Votre Grandeur le tout dévoué en J.M.J.?

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

15 OCT 1942

J. Cyr

25 Isabella St - Boston

Duchamel killed by enemy Please inform
family

Burg

Very Rev. A. R. E. Thomas,
Director Catholic Missions,
249 George St.,
Sydney.

Oct. 15, 1942.

Very reverend and dear Father,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst, and I am giving it immediate attention.

The press of bad news from the South Solomons and the consequent calls and correspondence have kept me so busy these days that I was unable to acknowledge before this your request re a list of the staffs of our Missions in the Mandated Territory of New Guinea, that is to say, in the North Solomon Is. But I have on hand all the information; it is merely a matter of copying in the proper order, *adding a few changes lately made*, on an already existing list here.

I hope to hand it into your Office to-morrow.

With sincere good wishes,

Yours respectfully in J.H.J.,

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Oct. 16, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I beg to communicate to you a copy
of a letter received this morning from the office of the High
Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Canberra.

"Office of the High Commissioner
for the United Kingdom,
Canberra.

ref: 5/213/1.

14th October, 1942.

Reverend Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge
the receipt of your letters of the 10th and 12th October and to
inform you that a telegram has been received from the High Com-
missioner for the Western Pacific stating that the report of the
murder of the missionaries is being released to the press in
London on the morning of the 14th October.
No further secrecy is, therefore, necessary.

Sir Ronald Cross has conveyed to the High Commissioner
for the Western Pacific by telegraph your thanks for the message.

Yours faithfully,

(signed M. E. Anholms
Official Secretary.

The Very Reverend E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Provincial Superior of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific Islands,
St. Patrick's Presbytery,
Church Hill,
Sydney".

This seems to be, alas, further confirmation of the dreadful new
God grant there be no more such fatalities among the Mission per-
sonnel.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency,

Your obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Oct. 15, 1942.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Thomas,

Please find herewith the list of the personnel of the North Solomon Mission--at least of such part of it as is in the Mandated Territory.

It shows how the Fathers, Lay-Brothers and Sisters were stationed before the invasion. Since then, I know that many changes were made, grouping Fathers and Sisters at comparatively safe points away from the more dangerous areas. But I am unable to furnish any particulars about these movements.

I hope, however, that the list may fulfil the purpose for which it is intended.

I beg to remain, Reverend Father,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Son Excellence
Monseigneur J. Halbert, S.M.,
VILA,
M.H.

10 nov. 1942.

Monseigneur,

Je ne crois pas que le Delégue Apostolique a reçu de Rome les feuilles de facultés qu'il a demandées, car il ne m'a encore rien envoyé pour vous, comme il l'avait promis dès que ces feuilles seraient arrivées. Par ailleurs, il doit s'absenter de Sydney une quinzaine de jours, ce qui remet encore plus loin la réponse à votre demande. A moins que Son Excellence vous ait directement expédié, et à mon insu, la liste des facultés,--ce qui est possible.

C'est la raison pour laquelle j'avais attendu si longtemps à vous envoyer celles que je vous avais promises, desirant n'en faire qu'un paquet avec les siennes. Son absence me décide à ne plus vous faire attendre. Donc, vous trouverez sous ce pli une traduction (faite par le P. Scoury-Lavergne) du texte anglais du "Australian Catholic Record", des facultés accordées par le S. Siège aux aumôniers militaires, des qu'ils sont nommés aumôniers militaires par l'autorité compétente, aussi clairement dénotés dans ses dépositaires. Ainsi, un prêtre par vous désigné pour s'occuper d'une manière spéciale aux forces militaires, a toutes ces facultés. Mais pas les autres Pères qui s'occupent, comme à l'ordinaire, de leurs fidèles, et qui jouissent des facultés que comme Ordinaire vous communiquez à vos missionnaires. Je n'insiste pas. Mais il faut bien que je m'excuse auprès de vous des fautes "d'impression" que j'ai gauchement faites dans la transcription du manuscrit du P. Scoury-Lavergne. Vous me pardonnerez de ne pas tenir grandement à tout recommencer--avec peut-être d'autres fautes aussi nombreuses.

Vous n'êtes pas sans savoir les choses terribles qui se sont passées aux Salomon du Sud: les meurtres des Pères Angberink et Duhamel et des Soeurs M. Sylvia et M. Odilia; l'évacuation des PP. Brugmans, Scanlon et Mc Mahon, des Frères Georges et Michael, ainsi que de sept Soeurs Sm. Sm. débarquées à Noumea; de la préparation d'évacuation des autres missionnaires de cette pauvre Mission. Que je plains le pauvre Evêque. Une Mission ruinée, ou tout le matériel sera à refaire--et quand?--avec un cœur brisé de douleur à la perte de Pères et de Soeurs, avec un personnel, courageux, sans doute, mais d'une santé peut-être affaiblie, etc., avec des moyens nécessairement réduits. Heureusement la foi en la Bonne Providence leur viendra en secours.

Si, par hasard, un convoi de réfugiés ou d'évacués, Pères, Frères ou Soeurs devait passer par chez vous, je vous autorise, Monseigneur, in quantum possum, et pour la durée de la guerre de garder dans votre Vicariat pour y continuer le ministère de leur vocation de missionnaires, ceux et celles qui y seraient dispos. Ils pourraient vous être d'un service très appréciable, et vous nous rendriez un service dont nous vous serions bien reconnaissants, vu que le nombre d'évacués pourrait bien devenir encombrant si l'on répète aux Salomon du Nord ce qui a lieu aux Salomon du Sud.

C'est pour conjurer ce malheur et pour demander à Dieu que les épreuves qui se sont abattues sur deux de nos Missions ne s'étendent à toutes les autres, que je demande comme Provincial, et d'après le no. 441 de nos Constitutions, à tous les Confrères de la Province de l'Océanie de se joindre en prière. On recitera le Ps. 50e, Miserere tous les jours après

les prieres de regle apres le repas du midi, ou apres la priere du soir, aussi longtemps que dureront les afflictions dues a la guerre dans nos Iles. Je ne lancerai pas de Circulaire, pour raisons de temps, d'economie de guerre et de difficultes du courrier; mais je prie tous les Vicaires Apostoliques de vouloir bien agreer ma requete et d'en faire apt a tous leurs missionnaires.

Passant a autre ordre de choses: la petite Soeur M. Cyrille ne va pas mieux. Sa derniere operation ne semble pas lui avoir enlever la source de son mal. Elle vomit toujours. Se leve rarement. Reste d'une humeur maussade. Elle en veut aux medecins australiens, a la M.M. Rose, un a tout et a tous. Bref, -- et je regrette de le dire, -- elle en a pour longtemps encore, surtout avec ces dispositions.

Par contre, Sr. M. Charles est de nouveau revenue de sa crise periodique. Elle est de retour de Ryde. Pendant deux ans encore elle sera bien; puis la crise reviendra. Ce qui nous rend bien sympathique a cette Soeur, c'est qu'elle se rend compte de son etat, des miseres qu'elle occasionne, et qu'elle fait son possible entre ses crises pour se ~~rendre~~ utile a la Communaute et aimable tant qu'elle le peut. Pour le moment elle est tout heureuse, et nous aussi. Dieu la conserve longtemps ainsi. Et dire qu'il y en a deux autres dans la Communaute que menacent toujours de chavirer. Vraiment, le couvent n'est pas interessant parfois.

Chez nous, a Villa Maria, tout va bien pour le moment. Nous avons prepare les chambres de Mgr. Aubin et des Peres et Freres, qui peuvent nous arriver un jour ou l'autre.

Je me recommande a vos bonnes prieres, tout en vous assurant l'humble echange des miennes.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre de Votre Grandeur
Le tout devoue en J.M.S.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

Duplicate of telegram(NTL)
sent to Mr.Geaney. (Oct.16,1942)

"Father Geaney
Boulcott St
Wellington N Z

News released morning of 14th October

Bergeron"

Office of the High Commissioner
for the United Kingdom,
Canberra.

Oct.17,1942.

Acknowledging
Ref:5/213/1

Your Honour,

I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th Oct.advising that the report of the murder of the missionaries was released from secrecy on the morning of the 14th Oct. Again,kindly accept my thanks.

I have been wondering--would it be possible,through the same channels,namely the office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and that of the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, to get in touch with Sister Edmee,the Nun who escaped,and obtain from her her account of what took place? No doubt it would prove an interesting document to all concerned.

I have the honour to be

Yours sincerely,

Provincial of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Oct. 20, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that a letter dated Wellington, N.Z., Oct. 16th was received here yesterday evening brought us a bit of good news. It is written by Very Rev. A. Brugmans, S.M., Provicar for the South Solomons, and says that he, Fathers D. Scanlon, S.M., a New Zealander, and M. McMahon S.M., a Canadian, together with two Lay-Brothers and seven Missionary Sisters have been evacuated from the South Solomons by an American Naval ship. The seven Sisters were left at Bougainville, where they were offered hospitality and work among their own. The Fathers and the Lay-Brothers went on to Wellington, and they too are in good fraternal hands.

Father Brugmans (Dutch) writes in a hurry and gives very few details, but he concludes with this consoling statement: "Bishop Aubin and all others O.K. Would have a lot to tell, but... impossible."

Thus all the Fathers, Lay-Brothers and Sisters, except His Lordship and Fr. de Klerk, have been evacuated from the most dangerous zone.

That letter has brought us great relief. Deo gratias.

Your Excellency, I have the honour to be

Yours very respectfully in J.M.J.,

Mr.K.E.van der Mandele,
Acting Consul-General,
Consulate-General of the Netherlands,
Kemble Bldg.,
Sydney.

Oct.20,1942.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry concerning Rev.Fr. Aloysius Brugmans,S.M.,I have the honour to submit the following for his identification in view of obtaining a passport he issued to him:--

1. Fr.Aloysius Brugmans is well known to me, and I can certify that he is now at Wellington,N.Z.,to which Port he was evacuated from the South Solomons quite recently with a number of other Fathers and Lay-Brothers, for I have only yesterday received a letter from him, dated Wellington, Oct.16th, to advise me of his safe arrival there.
2. Fr.Brugmans was born in the Diocese of Brada, in the Dutch Province of Brabant, on June the 21st, 1899. He entered the Society of Mary, Apr.18, 1923; was appointed to the South Solomon Is. by our Superior-General--I have not at hand the exact date of that appointment--where he has served ever since; made two visits from the Solomons to Sydney: the first from Nov.19, 1932 to May 3, 1933, and the second from Apr9, 1937 to Nov.13, 1937.
3. His Bishop, Most Rev.J.M.Aubin,S.M., has chosen him as chief adviser and Provicar, on account of his outstanding qualities and general worth.

I hope the above particulars will suffice for your purpose and preclude any undue risk in issuing Father Brugmans the Passport for which he has applied.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Mission
in the Pacific.

Mr. Gibbons,
"Sydney Morning Herald",
Sydney.

Oct. 21, 1942.

Dear Mr. Gibbons,

Please find herewith --

- 1)-- a Copy of the letter in which the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, Canberra, informed me of the dreadful four-fold murder at Tasimboko, and was kind enough to express his regrets and sympathy in the loss of the Mission;
- 2)-- informative details of the persons murdered by the Japanese;
- 3)-- details lately come to hand on how the tragedy happened.

I am sure you will know how to combine those elements into a readable story of just such length as you judge it can be given in the "S.M.H."

Now I have one request to make. It really not my own, but His Excellency's the Apostolic Delegate. Could it be possible to bring in the High Commissioner's letter, not, I understand in its entirety with heading and subscription, but by the quotation of the message proper, under its date, and the word of sympathy? Of course, the Delegate's name must not come in at all.

I would ask you also--do not be offended, for this is mere precaution on my part--not to make any supposition as to what may have taken place, nor draw any inference from the facts. For the Missions in the Solomons are in great part in the hands of the enemy, and if he should learn of any imputation that happens to be false, he might resort to terrible reprisals on the Fathers and Sisters in the invaded areas. As I said above, I do not suspect you of indiscretion; it is my own fears that make me add this excessive caution.

Thanking you for your continued interest and invaluable assistance in bringing our Mission under public notice through your Paper, and with all good wishes,

I am, Dear Mr. Gibbons,

Yours faithfully,

To:--Very Rev.V.Geaney,S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington,N.Z.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Oct.22,1942.

Dear Father Geaney,

I wish to thank you very cordially for all you have done and are still doing for us in the sad circumstances that have so suddenly overwhelmed the Missions: issuing telegrams, receiving, harbouring and clothing Fathers and Brothers thrust upon you as evacuees,--to say nothing of your charity on a former occasion on behalf of a contingent of Sisters from Tonga. We all appreciate very deeply your help.

In order to relieve you and to take upon ourselves our fair share of the burden, and clear the way for more possible arrivals of the kind, I would ask you to send us as soon as passage can conveniently be arranged all the Fathers and the Brothers who are not New Zealanders. Some years ago you kindly offered to take back into your Province any of your former subjects returning from the Missions. Fr. Scanlon among the refugees comes under that clause. You will find it easy, no doubt, to employ him for the duration. Frs. Brugmans and Lauson, Bros. George and Michael can be employed here. That would also relieve the glut on the market.

I am writing to them all to-day telling them of my request to you; so that there need not be any more correspondence with them as to orders from me. See for yourself when each of these four, or all of them, can be conveniently transferred to Villa Maria.

It goes without saying that all expenses incurred or to be incurred for them or for any future refugee or evacuee from our Missions to your Province will, when regulations allow, be faithfully, promptly and thankfully refunded by us.

I was sorry to learn that you were lying at Lewisham victim of an accident. I hope that accident was not serious and that you are rapidly recovering from its effects.

I am, Dear Father Geaney,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Rev. A. Brugmans, S.M.,
St. Patrick's College,
Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Oct. 22, 1942.

Dear Father Brugmans,

What a wonderful and gratifying surprise your letter gave us. We had been so worried about you and the rest of you in the South Solomons after the dreadful news given us by the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom's Office of the four-fold murder at Tasimboko by the Japanese--all four victims named. And here we were absolutely helpless, only sitting away our broken hearts and awaiting further news of tragic import, when your first message--rather puzzling to us at the time--and later your letter came with the first bit of relief and ray of hope. We were all so glad then. Congratulations on your escape and arrival at port of safety.

I am writing to Very Rev. Fr. Geaney to-day to thank him for all that he has done for you and companions. And, as there is already an incipient plot of refugees and evacuees in his Province, I am asking him to transfer to Villa Maria, at his convenience, yourself, Fr. McElahan and the two Brothers. The time that will be required to find passage will give you sufficient breathing time and time to make necessary visits in N.Z., and then you will feel the necessity of your employment. We can give you that here for the duration. The arrangements are left, naturally with Father Geaney, but you need not expect any further orders from me in this connection. Father McElahan and the two Brothers will each get a similar letter from me.

Poor Bishop Aubin. I hope he will be able to live it through. I was glad to learn from you that he was again "O.K.", for we had been told in a telegram sent us by Fr. Geaney that he was ill.

Yes, you must have a lot to tell. So have I. When you get here, we can compare notes on those things dear to us, namely, our Missions.

All here are well and rejoice in your escape and in the hope of seeing you soon.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Rev.M.McMahon,S.M.,
St.Patrick's College,
Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington,N.Z.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Dear Father McMahon,

Let me first congratulate you and welcome you back to safety. What experiences you must have had these last months--a real nightmare. Thank God, you and companions are now well out of it. A portion of the great worry that has been on me and all of us is lifted, but a great weight of it yet remains. I only pray that Providence may find a way out for all the others who are in danger. A loss of four Missionaries--and such a dreadful thing it was--is quite more than enough. Poor Fathers and Sisters, they too are well out of it. R.I.P. They may even have received the Martyr's crown.

I have just written to Very Rev. Gasson to thank him for what he is doing for you evacuees and asking him to transfer to Villa Maria here, at his convenience the Fathers and the Brothers who are not New Zealanders; for we do not wish to shirk the responsibility which is evidently ours to look after our Fathers and Brothers of the Missions. You will understand that once you have looked around a bit giving P.M. beauty spots the once over--and they are well worth seeing--you will want something to do. We can supply that want here. So come over when you can conveniently do so,--and the sooner you can the more pleasing to us--you will be very welcome.

Now, I will ask you to excuse me, for I am a very busy man these hectic days. When you are here we can say more in five minutes than can be spread in as many days, and there is no censor waving his pair of scissors at you.

Hoping to see you soon and wishing you God's best,

I am, Dear Father,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Brother George, S.M.,
St. Patrick's College,
Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--
G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Oct. 22, 1942.

Dear Brother George,

Welcome to civilization and congratulations on your happy escape from the dreadful danger you were in. The news that some of you had succeeded in leaving the present site of war and its perils came as a great relief to us here, for we were so worried after we got that awful shock of the fourfold murder of fathers and sisters at the hands of the enemy. We still worry very much about the ones that are still in peril out there, but you twelve are just so many they won't get. Thank God for that. Now we only pray that providence will find security for the other missionaries left behind.

I have just written to Very Rev. Fr. Henry thanking him for what he is doing for our missionaries evacuated upon his premises, and asking him whether he could send over to Villa Maria the fathers and the brothers who are not New Zealanders, so as to relieve the plot on the market over there, and make room for others who may possibly be evacuated in the near future. After you have had a look around at the familiar faces and spots in N.Z., I wish you would come over. I leave it to Fr. Henry's convenience to find passage for you and all the others except Fr. Scallion. We shall have congenial work for you here to share away the time until such time as you may be able to go back to the colonies when better days are at hand,--which, please God, may not be long delayed. In the hope of having you with us soon, and wishing you God's best,

I am Dear Brother,

Yours sincerely in C.M.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Brother Michael, S.M.,
St. Patrick's College,
Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Oct. 12, 1942.

Dear Brother Michael,

First let me welcome you back to civilisation and congratulate you on your happy escape from imminent danger. Thank God, twelve of you are now safe. May Providence find a way out for those who have been left behind. We were so happy here when we got the news that you--the twelve of you--had reached safety; for we were terribly worried. That gave us some bit of relief, anyway, and a ray of hope that what had happened to you might happen to others.

I am writing to Very Rev. Fr. Gosses to thank him for what he is doing for our evacuees and to ask him to release all the Sisters and Brothers who are not New Zealanders to come over to Villa Maria, after they have had a look around in N.Z., to see again the old friends and scenes of former labours. I leave it to his superiors to find passage for you all to Australia. Your folks will be so happy to see you. Then you can assume work at Villa Maria, until such time as better conditions permit your return to your beloved Mission. No need to issue any further rulings about this: be ready when Fr. Gosses says the word. We must not burden him too much or too long, as there may be other evacuees or refugees coming his way shortly, and we must avoid cluttering the world.

In the hope of seeing you soon, and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.S.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Rev.D.Scannon,S.M.,
St.Patrick's College,
Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington,N.Z.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Oct.22,1942.

Dear Father Scanlon,

Congratulations on your escape and arrival. Deo gratias. What a time you must have had, as well as all your fellow-missionaries during the awful days of invasion and ensuing battles. We had known for several days here, through the office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, the dreadful murder of our four missionaries, Mrs Duhamel and Ingberink and Sisters Sylvia and Odilia, and we were very worried indeed about the possible fate of the rest of the Staff. The news of your evacuation came after that as a distinct relief and a ray of hope that the remaining members of the Mission may likewise be taken to some port of safety.

Kindly extend my joy and congratulations to the members of your family who must feel so happy at having you back and away from further danger.

I have just written to Very Rev.Fr. Geaney asking him to employ you in his Province for the duration. I entertain no doubt that you will be only too happy to show your appreciation of what he has done to you personally and to the other Confreres similarly situated as you are by accepting any post to which he will appoint you. No further ruling, I take it, need be issued from me concerning your employ for the duration. I shall naturally be glad, however, to receive an occasional word from you, as you deserve to be considered always a member of the Province of the Missions, of whom we are proud.

With best wishes and God's choicest gifts.

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, O.B., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Oct. 23, 1948.

Acknowledging
No. 2587/42.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour thankfully to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 21st Oct., accompanying your cheque for £ 200.0.0 for S.M.S. subsidies ad mentem dantis. Our Procurator, now Father J. Fiedler, will proceed forthwith to distribute the intentions among the Missionaries.

In reply to ~~my~~ request for Sister Mamee's account of the Tasimboko tragedy the High Commissioner graciously answered on the 20th inst. "that he has sent a short telegram to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific asking whether Sister Mamee can furnish information in greater detail as to what took place". All along the High Commissioner at Canberra has been most considerate. God bless him.

I take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the deep gratitude of myself and of the Missionaries for your sympathy and unfailing help and guidance.

I beg the honour to remain

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

To:--Very Rev. J. Cyr, S. M.,
25 Isabella St.,
Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Mr. Justice J.A. Ferguson,
1 Veret St.,
Hunter's Hill.

Nov. 2, 1942.

Dear Justice Ferguson,

I thank you for letter of 27th Oct. and the kind words you wrote concerning my readiness to respond re your research in things Tongan. Your visit was greatly appreciated, and your specialised knowledge of linguistics in some of the Groups of Islands that I know came as a pleasant surprise. My only regret is that I was so unprepared to be helpful as I should have liked to be.

Your next call is awaited with anticipated pleasure. I have found five Tongan Books among our collection here, and I shall have ready for your inspection a few numbers of the monthly "Taimua Lelei", published by the Catholic Mission for some years. Its publication had to cease, unfortunately, with the extension of war restrictions to the Pacific.

Kindly give me a ring when you intend to call, so as to make sure to find me at home.

With sincere good wishes,
Yours faithfully,

Acknowledging
Ref:5/213/1.

Nov.4,1942.

from Office of the
High Commissioner for the
United Kingdom,
Canberra.

Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge with sincere thanks your letter of the 30th Oct. wherein you kindly communicated to me a further message from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific relative to the Marist Missions Personnel in the British Solomon Islands and their eventual evacuation.

My Staff and I are very grateful to His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and to Your Lordship's Office for doing all that can be done for our Missionaries in British Solomon Islands.

We shall anxiously await further developments.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific.

Letters received from some of the Marist Missionaries announced in the "Sydney Morning Herald", Oct. 22, as having been rescued and evacuated from the Solomons give the following reassuring details.

His Lordship Bishop Aubin, S.M., and one Father were taken to a safe spot away from the danger zone. Fathers A. Brugmans, D. Scanlon and M. McMahon, with two Lay-Brothers, George and Michael were landed at Wellington, N.Z. While seven Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary: Srs. M. Irénée, M. Léon, M. Noémi, M. Reine, M. Evangéline, M. Teresa and M. Georges were left in New Caledonia, where they will find congenial work with the Sisters of their Order in that Mission.

As these fourteen were the whole of the personnel left in the battle area, or dangerously near it, their evacuation relieves us of much anxiety.

To:--Sister M.Theophile, SM.SM.,
St. Theresa's Convent,
48 Aurora Terrace,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Nov. 5, 1942.

Dear Sister M.Theophile,

You will readily understand that I had a pretty hectic time after receiving the awful news of the massacre at Tasimboko; and on top of that I was very unwell, obliged to lie down several times a day while I was trying to keep up with the most urgent demands of correspondence and press and telephone, for everybody was horrified and sympathetic and desirous to know more--more than I knew.

I had presumed that Very Rev. Fr. Geaney knew exactly what I knew, as the source of information was the same; so I kept to the strict minimum in my telegram. However, by this time all has come out, and with Mother M. Rose's letter and the story often related to you, no doubt, by the evacuated Fathers now in N.Z., ~~(so that)~~ I need not insist on the details of the horrible tragedy. Our Fathers and Sisters have already received the crown of their sacrifice. May God protect the remaining ones until they too are evacuated to safety.

What a time you must have yourselves at Aurora Terrace and at Our Lady of Oceania's, with an overflowing personnel, and not knowing how many more may be thrust upon you by the terrible exigencies of the war in the Islands. Our faith in Providence will be our guarantee that we shall see it through. And when the war is over, Providence must again be our helper to rebuild a ruined Mission.

I shall not give you any news about the Sisters: I take it that Mother M. Rose has done that better than I could hope to do. On the other hand there is nothing going on at Villa Maria Monastery that could be of interest to you. We are few here and pretty quiet individuals all; yet the old Home is taking on brighter looks as we go on improving both house and property, within the limits of the restrictions demanded by war regulations; but we have the lay-brothers, and they are kept busy. Now that we have plenty of water, our vegetable garden is both beautiful and profitable. And when the Fathers and the Brothers that have been asked to come over are here, life in the old place will be pleasant indeed.

I hope your function--Annual Appeal--if it has already taken place, was a complete success.

Give my kind regards to the Sisters I know over there, particularly those from Tonga and Mother M. Carmella.

With respectful good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.N.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Vallée Marie Montebello
Hantant's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev. D. Moore, S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Hastings, H.B.,
N.Z.

Nov. 5, 1942.

Dear Father Moore,

It was very consoling to receive your sympathetic letter for you knew better than most just what the sad tragedy of Tasimboko meant to the Mission of the South Solomons and to the individuals closely related to it. The message you quote at the beginning of your letter was as complete as the one communicated to me a few days earlier by favour of the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, at Canberra, except that the High Commissioner's had named the two sisters--Sylvia and Odilia. By now you have more details of what took place than I have, since our evacuees must have known all the sad circumstances of the massacre and the plight of those who yet remained in danger after those horrible mid-September days. Our four murdered missionaries, we trust, have already received the crown of their sacrifice. Fr. Edmee is safe and will be evacuated when opportunity offers. So will all the remaining personnel of the Mission, the Bishop, the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters. While we must thank Providence for safety of these missionaries, we cannot but deplore the awful necessity that brings to such an unexpected pass the work of so many self-sacrificing souls and to utter ruin the material structure of a promising Mission. And it occurs to me that good Bishop Aubin's motto, "Per crucem redempti", taken under other unfortunate circumstances, may in the present crushing sacrifice be prophetic of coming redemptions and plentiful benedictions. Great sufferings purchase great graces. The Vicariate of the South Solomons will arise and flourish as never before. We two may not witness the full fulfilment of this "prophecy" of the Bishop's motto, but I trust we shall live to describe the first promising outlines of it.

Father Moore, I thank you very sincerely for the pleasure you gave me in writing as you did. The Fathers here also appreciate your fraternal gesture. God bless you for it.

I hope Fr. Geaney is now well on the way to recovery; though if what you diagnose is correct, he is in for a miserable time. Sorry to learn, too, that Fr. Burger is so ill. I shall remember him daily at the Altar.

We are all well enough at the Villa. The house and property are far brighter now, for we have done some improvements to both. If it had not been for the wartime restrictions we would have finished the renovation of the Monastery by now. When the Fathers and the Brothers I expect are here, its atmosphere, also, will be lifted, if not absolutely blasted by boisterousness in a Babel of tongues.

Best wishes from

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J. M. Oveve, S.M.,
SUVA,
Fiji.

Nov. 7, 1941.

Dear and Reverend Father,

I have to thank you for your latest statistics and for a copy of your Report to the Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda. The former is interesting as showing at a glance the splendid progress the Mission in Fiji is making in spite of many restraining influences due to the circumstances of the times. Congratulations to you and your devoted workers and thanksgiving to God. The latter, though brief, is an enlightening survey of the unusual conditions under which the usual work of the Mission has to be carried on in the present disabilities. And may these difficulties, restraining influences and disabilities not grow worse. Fiji is still very fortunate comparatively if we look at the two Solomon Vicarates, which have been so cruelly tried and shorn with utter ruin, spending materially.

The High Commissioner has no doubt kept you informed, as he has thoughtfully informed me, of what took place in the North Solomons--the horrible murder of four Missionaries, two Fathers and two Sisters, the flight of the personnel of Guadalcanal, the evacuation of seven Sisters from there to Bougainville and of three Fathers and two Brothers to N.E., with the assembling of the rest of them for embarkation as soon as they can be taken away. From the point of view of organization and building it will mean a completely new start after the loss of so much effort and mission money. From the North Solomons, not a word since the 7th March, when Bishop Ade was able to write me a short epistle--not one page--to say that up to then all were well. But I could read between those few lines that he laboured under great anxiety,--and that was so long ago if we think of the tempo things have kept up since March. Those are the only two Missions really in the thick of it; the others are like your own, and we know that that is not normal, though it may mean final safety, release from war dangers and eventual return to old conditions of missionary life and work.

I am having the Miserere recited by all, either after the usual prayers at midday or after the night prayers, for the Misericordia of the Pacific. Do join us and advise every house to do the same. I consider it in the fullest sense one of those calamities referred to in no. 441 of our Constitutions. I will not issue a Circular for that, for the matter is so plain that it need be only mentioned to be grasped, and time saved. That Psalm to be said as long as the tribulations last.

We are now expecting here any day some, if not all, our confreres who were evacuated to N.E., for I have told them all except Fr. Scanlon who is a New Zealander, to come over. We shall find work for them here and clear N.E. for other possible evacuees as time and the advance of our troops reach the Japanese invaded Islands of the North Solomons. Wishing you God's blessings and Our Lady's special protection,

I am, Dear Father Oveve,

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,
G. E. BERGERON

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Son Excellence
Monseigneur E. Bresson, S.M.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

9 nov. 1948.

Monseigneur,

Que de choses ne passent en peu de temps. Je ne parle point de la guerre, mais des conséquences plus ou moins directes qui en découlent pour la marche de nos Missions. Vous en savez quelque chose. Il y a en plus la marche inexorable des ans sur des têtes déjà blanchies à la tâche, la fatigue normale et la maladie inattendue au sein d'un travail de surcroît que les circonstances ont imposé, etc. Cela dans votre Mission. Mais dans telles autres... Les Salomon du Sud finies pour la durée; les Salomon du Nord envahies et complètement isolées de la Société, du gouvernement et du centre de ravitaillement habituels. Vous savez ce qu'est devenu le personnel des premières--vous avez contribué à en héberger les bonnes sœurs. Puissent-elles être de secours aux Religieuses surchargées de votre Vicariat. Je vous en remercie. D'autres évêques passeront peut-être encore par chez vous, tant des Salomon du Sud que des Salomon du Nord, qui sait? Vous nous rendriez un service à eux et à moi, en entretenant autant qui ne montreraient ni paresse ni dévouement dans votre Mission pour la durée de la guerre. In quantum possum je vous y autorise sans plus de formalité, et merci d'avance.

A cause d'assiettes terribles épreuves qui se sont déjà abattues sur deux de nos Missions, et à cause des graves afflictions et des maladies qui s'étendent à toutes les autres, je demande comme Provincial, et d'après le no. 441 de nos Constitutions, à tous les Confrères de la Province de l'Océanie de se joindre en prière pour conjurer le fléau:--On recitera le Ps. Miserere (50) tous les jours après les prières de régle après le repas du midi, ou après la prière du soir, aussi longtemps que dureront les afflictions dues à la guerre dans nos Iles. Je ne ferai pas de circulaire, pour raisons de temps et d'économie demandée par les restrictions sur le matériel; mais je demande à tous les Vicaires Apostoliques de vouloir bien agréer ma requête et d'en faire part à tous leurs missionnaires.

J'ai encore à vous remercier d'avoir eu la bonté de laisser en mes mains la décision à prendre quant au moment du retour du Père Soury-Lavergne. Sur le témoignage de tous les intéressés d'ici le Père, il y a déjà un mois, était juge capable de rentrer reprendre son travail--avec certaines précautions, dont je vous ai déjà communiqué le sens: moins d'heures de classe par jour--je donnai ordre au Père Procureur de s'occuper de lui trouver passage sur à Noumea. Il y a eu un délai assez prolongé, à Noumea, à notre demande d'autorisation de retour. Actuellement nous n'avons encore rien trouvé comme moyen de transport. C'est, sans doute, une question de temps. Si rien de fâcheux n'intervient, il se rapatriera à la première occasion. Nous regretterons le Père Soury-Lavergne: il s'était montré un charmant Confrère; et les sœurs Maristes pleureront son départ.

Sœur M. Edmond a dû vous écrire. Je regrette d'avoir à vous dire que son cas est sérieux en ceci que c'est bien la consomption qu'elle

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a. Elle est a "Lisieux" sanatorium des Montagnes Bleues depuis le 6 octobre. Il est trop tot pour attenter un prononcement favorable ou defavorable en son cas. Nous esperons.

De meme nous esperons que vos malades se sont completement remis: les Peres Brun, Robert et Rivoire. Que Dieu preserve les santes et donne le courage qu'exigent ces tems difficiles. Ici nous sommes tous assez bien, meme notre Pere Rigard. Nos chambres ont ete preparees pour les Confreres evaches, que nous attendons d'un jour a l'autre de la M.Z. Pauvres Confreres, exiles de leurs vestes et de leur ministere, qui auront besoin de trouver ici repos, distractions et occupations, en attendant le retour de meilleurs jours ou ils pourront rebatir leur Mission devastee et leur oeuvre si brutalement entravee.

En les recommandant, ainsi que moi-meme, a vos benignes prieres.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre de Votre Grandeur,

Le tout devoue en J.C.J.,

G. S. BERNARDIN, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship

Most Rev. J. Barnard, S.M.,

APIA,

Western Samoa.

10 nov. 1942.

Monseigneur,

Vous n'etes pas sans savoir les evenements terribles qui se sont deroules aux Salomon du Sud: les meurtres des Peres Engberink et Duhamel et des soeurs M. Sylvia et M. Odilia; l'evacuation des PP. Bragmans, Scanlon et McMahon, des Freres Georges et Michael en Ille Zelande, ainsi que des sept soeurs S.M. debarquees a Boumea; de la preparation d'evacuations des autres missionnaires de cette Mission devenue une ruine. Que je plains le pauvre Mgr. Aubin, en face d'une telle desolation, aussi foudroyante qu'inattendue--tout le materiel detruit, tout a refaire; le coeur deja brise par la cruelle tragedie de Tasimboke, se voyant oblige a prendre la route de l'exil avec son humble reste de personnel. Sa grande foi seule en la Divine Providence peut le soutenir, et l'espoir un jour de revenir tout recommencer... Et les Salomon du Nord invahies, completement isolees de tout contact et de tout secours que nous desiderons tant leur donner. Qu'est-il arrive dans cette Mission? Nous esperons que les Japonais ne trouvent seuls maitres pour le moment, n'ont pas tire vengeance de nos missionnaires. Mais quand on les delogera, ne feront-ils pas ce qu'ils ont fait dans le Vicariat voisin a l'arrivee des Americains? C'est a craindre.

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Passant un autre ordre de chose:--Je recois aujourd'hui meme une lettre du R.P. Cyr me disant ce qu'il fait pour reussir a vous envoyer votre nouveau missionnaire pour Pago-Pago, le P. Patrick Du-mais. S'il reussit, le Pere ne tardera pas a vous arriver. Il n'y guere de place a bord des bateaux ces jours-ci pour autres que militaires; mais on le fera peut-etre accepter comme aumonier de bord pour le voyage. Esperons que cela reussira.

A Villa Maria nous sommes tous assez bien, y compris le bon P. Rigard. Nous avons prepare des chambres pour recevoir autant de refugies qu'il faudra. Les premiers pourraient nous arriver d'un jour a l'autre.

En me recommandant a vos bonnes prieres, j'ai l'honneur d'etre

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
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Tonga.

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Je me rejouis de ce que le Bon Dieu et notre Bonne Mere aient protege Tonga jusqu'ici, malgre l'alerte initiale qui fit evacuer nos devotees Religieuses, et certaines restrictions de materiel et de mouvements, qui sont, helas, assez generales partout. Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris.

En me recommandant a vos bonnes prieres, j'ai l'honneur d'etre de Votre Grandeur,

Le tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Rev. Brother George, S.M.,
St. Patrick's College,
Cambridge Tee.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Nov. 12, 1942.

Dear Brother George,

I was glad to get your letter, but I would have been so much happier to have you instead to welcome you back and home after the terrible ordeal you have been through. Do not ask good Father Geaney to give you a post in his Province, if even for a time. He has been very generous and fatherly towards you and the Evacuees, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, and he may have to repeat the same gesture when the remaining personnel of your Mission reach N.Z., and then again in favour of the missionaries of the No. Solomon Islands, when their turn comes, etc. etc. We must be very, very thankful to him, but we must not embarrass him.

You can recuperate here, as you did once not so long ago. Then you can find congenial work at the Villa, which after all is the home of the missionaries, until such time as the Mission of the South Solomon Islands is safe once more for the return of the missionaries.

So, we expect you here as soon as your passage can be safely and conveniently arranged, by sea or by air. Your expenses, it has already been fixed with Mr. Geaney, will be refunded him as soon as war restrictions are lifted.

Believe me, dear Brother George,

Yours devotedly in S.M.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.
Provincial.

From: ~~cc~~ O. S. Bergeron, S.M.

To:--Very Rev. A. Cyr, S.M.,
25 Isabella st.,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Nov. 16, 1942.

Dear Father Cyr,

Your last letter written on the 23rd Sept. reached me on the 10th Nov., whereas that one you wrote on the 12th of Sept. arrived on the 17th of Oct. You can judge for yourself of the relative value of the various kinds of mail nowadays. Still, we should be thankful that letters to and fro still get there.

And still not a word from the North Solomons.

I have met very few New England boys. It is out of the question on my going out in search of them,--for I would be interned for sticky-bank or a spy, and only relatives would know my address to find me out.

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGEMAN, S. N.

To:--Rev. A. Brugmans, S.M.,
St Patrick's College,
Cambridge Trce.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Nov. 12, 1942.

Dear Father Brugmans,

Your letter, good and welcome as it was, was a poor substitute, you will admit, for the Author of it, whom I expected instead. However, I am not going to quarrel with you about that or about the contents of your letter, which I know to proceed from the best intentions and the intense love of your Mission.

But you do not know the latest. Here it is quoted from a letter sent me from the Office of the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom Canberra.--"Reverend Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 17th October the following message addressed to you has been received from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific:--

BEGIN'S.

"All Marist Mission personnel from the northern area of Guadalcanal have now been evacuated from the British Solomon Islands Protectorate with the exception of the Bishop, who is now in another area, and Sister Edmee, who is safe in the interior of Guadalcanal and will be evacuated with other Mission personnel from the southern area of that Island as soon as circumstances permit. Further information regarding the movements of Sister Edmee will be sent when received here. Marist Mission personnel in Malaita have been assembled for embarkation."

ENDS.

Yours faithfully, ..."

Official Secretary?..

You see by the last sentence that it is quite hopeless to expect to return to that Mission or even to send something to Fathers who even now may be on their way. And on their way where? Where you were evacuated. That is why I mentioned in my first letter that we must make room for others. So let us not embarrass good Fr. Geaney who has been kindness itself. And just think a bit--after the So. Solomons have been cleared of the Japanese, the whole process may begin all over again for the No. Solomons, as soon as the Americans attack there. No, dear Father, we must not delay longer than necessary. Please convey the above communication of the High Commissioner at Canberra to the other Confreres, so that they may understand the situation.

By the way I must add a word here of grateful appreciation for what the intrepid yet thoughtful Mr. Marchant and the two High Commissioners have been doing for the missionaries of the South Solomons. Some day you may have an opportunity to express directly to them what I have already tried to convey to them in writing. God bless them.

Besides the clear inference from the communique quoted above that a Procurator at Wellington or Auckland will not be needed, for lack of anyone left in the So. Solomons to procure for, I wish to say that the Government of the B.S.I. have established in Sydney an office to carry

whatever business can be carried on. It is composed of former officials from Tulagi, who therefore know the Fathers and the ways of the Catholic Mission in the B.S.I. I have already been privileged on several occasions to deal with Mr. Johnson, Mr. Myne, Mr. Davis, and others, and I have received the most courteous reception and the greatest help the circumstances justified. Sydney is the place... So, come along.

Hoping to welcome you soon, I am, Dear Father,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BENCHERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Very Rev.J.M.Oreve,S.M.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Nov.16,1942.

Dear Father Oreve,

Your letter of the 6th and the copy of the document you sent to Very Rev.Fr.Dubois were duly received here on the 12th. I thank you for both. And commenting on the latter first,I must say it is very enlightening not only concerning the main matter of a new Bishop for Fiji, but relative to a number of Fathers whom I did not know. You may be sure that everything in your letter to Fr.Dubois will be treated as strictly confidential.

I am very sorry to learn about Fr.Laplante's trouble. There does not seem to be any remedy for such heart affliction but separation from ordinary surroundings. It is hard for us here to suggest a locality whose air might be most beneficial to that Confere. How about Suva? Or is it advisable to come and try Australia's sunshine cure, since his trip to his native country is for the present out of the question? I would rather he come not here, but to Singapore or even to the So.Solomons now in New Zealand or come over to Villa Maria for the duration; but I shall do anything to save the dear Confere.

That was bad news too about Brother Anselm. God bless him in his grave affliction.

You must know from the High Commissioner all the latest from the So.Solomons, how the authorities have assembled all the Mission personnel of Malaita for embarkation, i.e. evacuation. Nothing is said of San Cristoval, but I take it that the Fathers and the Sisters on that Island, too, will be evacuated when possible. And so the whole Mission to the So.Solomons, will be abandoned until the war is over, and then poor Bishop Aubin, with the remainder of his Missionaries will have to start from scratch as far as buildings are concerned; for not much will remain standing of those flimsy structures when all the bombing and the seesawing of the two armies are finished with them.

Meantime, not a word from Bishop Ade's Vicariate.

You have your troubles, and others have theirs, as you see. So let us pray for one another trusting to Almighty God to draw good out of so much evil.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.

His Grace
Most Rev. M. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Dec. 9, 1942.

Your Grace,

I have the honour to return herewith
to you the Papalia of faculties granted to Rev. Jean Henry-Lavergne,
S.M., during his recent stay in the Archdiocese. Father Henry-
Lavergne left Sydney for New Caledonia on the 17th November.

I beg to remain

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.M.S.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

Mr. F. Johnson,
Officer in Charge
Government of the B.S.I. Protectorate,
17 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

Dec. 12, 1948.

Dear Sir,

Your advice of the 10th about the latent
information received concerning our Mission's personnel in the
B.S.I.
B.S.I. came to hand yesterday and like its predecessors from
your Office was greatly appreciated.

Kindly accept the grateful thanks of

Yours very much obliged

Provincial of the Society of Jesus.

Hon. Director
RED CROSS Bureau for Wounded, etc.,
3rd Floor Ocean House,
34 Martin Place,
Sydney.

Dec. 17, 1942.

acknowledging
RRR/PS.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter
of the 11th inst. which gives a very satisfactory reply to my
inquiry when I called at your office re -
"MESSAGE SERVICE re KACHAGINT".

With all good wishes for a happy Christmas,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the British Division

Mr. F. Johnson,
Government of the F.M.I. Protectorate,
17 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

Dec. 14, 1944.

Dear Sir,

For some months we have been anxious to send our Missionaries in the British Protectorate all essential supplies, but really did not know how to go about it. Now we know, thanks to your kind suggestion. My "regulator and meter" shall immediately order the needed stores and supplies such as per your directions.

With all good wishes for a Merry Christmas,
Yours faithfully,
"Elizabeth" (Mrs.)

His Lordship
Most Rev. A. G. de Boissieu,
Papua----Yule Is.

Dec. 14, 1942.

My Lord Bishop,

Kindly accept the heartfelt thanks
of Bishop Aubin and self for your appreciated sympathy and pray-
ers, as well as those of your Missionaries, after the dreadful
tragedy of Taninboko.

It may now be possible to reach Bishop Aubin by mail, and I
shall immediately convey your message to His Lordship.

I am sure that he will heartily join us in expressing
sincere sympathy and prayers after the cruel fate that has befallen
the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in one of its
New Guinea Missions.

God help us all.

I take this opportunity of tendering Your Lordship and all
the Missionaries in Papua my respectful wishes for a blessed
Christmas and a New Year that will bring the peace of Christ.

Your Lordship's obedient servant in J.C.S.,

Provincial of the Sacred Heart.

NL--Father Geaney

17 Boulcott St
Wellington N.Z.

15 DEC 1942

Hurley Fifty Re twenty-five Stop some Missions will apply directly
Chapman Stop Will our four Missionaries be available New Year
Stop intend send three to Fiji one to Samoa

Bergeron

NL--Father Geaney

17 Boulcott St
Wellington N.Z.

15 DEC 1942

The four Missionaries mentioned in other telegram are Fathers
McDonald McDonnell McDiarmid Heath others expected here

Father Bergeron

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Cable--Father Greve

Suva

15 DEC 1942

Would you accept for duration three New Zealand Marist Missionaries
Bergeron

Wireless--Bishop Darnand

Apia

15 DEC 1942

Samoa

Would you accept for duration one New Zealand Marist Missionary
Bergeron.

Mrs. J. Tudor,
c/o Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd.,
Sydney.

Dec. 17, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Tudor,

I owe you an apology for having delayed so long to acknowledge your letter of the early part of this month, received at my Office on the 8th. In explanation I can plead an absence of a fortnight in another part of the State, and a pretty busy time since my return.

Re your request, I am sorry that I cannot furnish any information concerning our personnel in the North Solomon Is. (N.S.I.), as we have not a word from them since the 7th March this year, and the country has since been under enemy control. The latest list of missionaries published in the Pacific Handbook would be an informative as anything I could just now make up. We cannot call any missionary a prisoner, nor say that he is missing, lest that they may be and well--all. Naturally we are very anxious about the mess, for we dare not even guess at their fate.

As for the South Solomon Is. (S.S.I.), the situation is more fluid, with new developments every day. I would suggest that we wait until the New Year to put up a list that will look like offering something stable in the positions of the personnel, of whom some have been massacred by the enemy, some have been evacuated, and some others are being evacuated, while a number are staying on.

Hoping that you will not feel too disappointed with this apparent lack of cooperation with your praiseworthy endeavour, and wishing you the season's Compliments,

I beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Pacific Missions.

From:--G. V. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship,
Most Rev. J. F. Blanc, S.M.,
Nukualofa,
Tonga Is.

19 Dec. 1942.

Monsieur,

Je vous adresse mes vœux de Noël
et d'une Bonne Nouvelle Année dans la voie du Christ apportant le
retour de vos Missionnaires et de vie normale.

Une lettre reçue du R. P. Dubois datée du 18 sept., arrivée ici
le 10 dec., annonce l'élection du R. P. Joseph van der Meer, Supérieur
de l'Ecole Apostolique d'Harriet, comme Assistant Général.

J'aurais beaucoup à vous dire de nos missions, mais la guerre
ne le permet pas. Je vous en parlerai plus tard. Il faut attendre.
Je remercie Dieu que votre mission ait des bons ouvriers; malheu-
reusement elle ne pourra voir les mauvais jours de d'autres vicaristes sont
tombés.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,
votre tout dévoué en C. M. S.,

His Grace
Most Rev. F. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Dec. 8, 1946.

Your Grace,

The Marist Community of the Villa Maria
Monastery tender you their respectful wishes for a Merry Christmas
and a blessed New Year and the assurance of their loving loyalty
and humble prayers.

Asking your blessing for the New Year upon the Community and
self.

I have the honour to be, Your Grace,

Your obedient servant J. J. J.,

Provincial of the Marist Missionaries.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegation,
North Sydney.

Dec. 22, 1945.

Your Excellency,

The Mariist Community of the
Villa Maria Monastery tender you their respectful wishes for a
Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year and the assurance of their
loving loyalty to your exalted Person, and through you to His Holiness,
and of their continued prayers for the cessation of this awful war
which so saddens the Holy Father.

Asking your blessing for the New Year upon the Community and
my humble self,

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Provincial of the Mariist Missions.

From:--G. H. Bergeron, S.M.,

TO:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. M. Aubin, S.M.,
Nokera,
Malaita,
S.S.I.

Dec. 23, 1941.

Monsieur,

Votre peine doit être si grande qu'on ose guère vous faire part de la nôtre et de notre vive sympathie dans les afflictions qui ont fondé sur votre chère Mission. Je ris-que ces mots, espérant que par les bons offices du personnel du Gouvernement des S.S.I. établi ici, et qui a été si obligeant, ils vous arriveront.

Nous avons tous été révoltés par le massacre de Tadiaboko, et vous ne sauriez croire le courant de sympathie et de prières qu'il a suscité non seulement chez les Canadiens, mais dans toute l'Australie et même dans l'Amérique. Monsieur le Comte de la Rivière a eu la complaisance de me tenir informé de tout ce qui se passait dans la Mission. Au mois de toutes les deux semaines je recevais un mot d'avis. Et jusqu'au mois d'octobre les nouvelles étaient si bonnes que l'état des choses pouvait laisser espérer. Le Vic. Com-missioner for the United Kingdom, M. G. Bergeron, alors à Montréal, a lancé les sympathiques le massacre de nos quatre missionnaires, plusieurs jours avant de livrer le fait aux journaux. J'ai tout fait pour que le Gouvernement j'ai communiqué les nouvelles, et que par son et au votre, de leur obligeance si délicate.

Puis vinrent les évènements. Après le 1er mai on apprenait de tout. Les Pères et Frères qui sont au S.S.I., comme le P. Gaudin, et qui se permettent de rester dans nos pays jusqu'à la fin de la guerre, vien-nent ici, ou je leur trouverai de l'ouvrage pour la durée. Mais, si vien-nent d'arriver, lundi matin sont bien et nous ont donné les der-nières nouvelles. Je remercie Dieu de ce que vous avez eu vous re-mettre de cette vilaine dysenterie qui vous a fatigué lors de votre première fuite dans la brume. Quelles angoisses inquiètes, quelles ar-peuses pour vous surtout, et pour tous. Si vous n'avez pas réussi sur le grand nombre qui reste, nous ne sommes pas sans inquiète de vous. Dieu veuille que ce soit bien fini des massacres et des fautes et des grandes privations. J'ai fait dire des prières dans toutes les maisons de la Province--le Misereux recite en ce sens après les prières après le dîner ou après la prière du soir--pour nos Missions. Dieu aie pitié de nous et vienne tirer le bien du mal, relève votre Vicariat de ses ruines. Le reine des Apôtres défende bien les biens contre le découragement, qui serait la ruine spirituelle au milieu de la ruine matérielle.

Une lettre du P. DuBois, le No. 72, nous annonce l'élection du R.P. Joseph van Benthem, supérieur d'Ulster, comme Assistant General. Il devait essayer de se rendre s'établir à Rome.

Nous sommes tous bien ici, même le P. Rigard, qui cependant on y perd lentement, sans souffrances.

Faut-il vous formuler des vœux de Noël et de Nouvel An? Oui. De tout coeur, avec d'instantes prières, je vous les souhaite pleins
t.s.v.p.

benédiction, une bonne mesure de consolation au milieu de
vos peines et une abondance de mérites; puis le retour de la paix,
la vie normale, la rentrée de vos missionnaires, et le relèvement
de toute la Mission sur des bases encore meilleures.

venite, adoremus.

De Votre Grandeur la sœur devoue en J. B. J.,

Pas un mot de chez M. r. ade depuis la mois de mai. Les mis-
sions marchent.

G. A. B.

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Nov. 16, 1942.

Dear Father Geaney,

Your letter of the 7th got here seven days later, on the 14th. I am glad to learn that you are rapidly getting well again after your accident.

You were quite right about Fr. Scanlon, and I thank you for the step you took in preventing him from going back to the danger zone, whence he was so recently evacuated. Of course, "there is much life in the man; but one step leads to another, and he might entangle himself hopelessly if left to himself.

I am also deeply thankful to God for generously assuming so much of the necessary expenses for relieving our difficulties through your charity. You will say that it is elementary Christian charity, and all that, but it does lift a great burden of immediate responsibility from our shoulders at a time when responsibility is difficult and money transfer an impossibility.

As to your suggestion concerning Fr. Brugmans, it seems to me in view of the latest developments, which I have just read through to Fr. Brugmans, that it is not desirable. Here is a message received from the Office of the High Commissioner for the Western Solomons, Rabaul: "All Marist Mission personnel from the Western area of the Solomons have now been evacuated from the Western Solomons Island Protectorate with the exception of the Sisters, who are in the Western area, and Sister Edna, who is now in the interior of Guadalcanal and will be evacuated with other Mission personnel from that area in an area of that island as soon as circumstances permit. Further information regarding the movements of Sister Edna will be sent when received here. Marist Mission personnel in Rabaul have been arranged for embarkation."

It is evident from the last sentence of that message that it is the set intention of the Authorities to evacuate all the Fathers and Sisters from the Mission of the South Solomons. The evacuation may even now have taken place, and our Confessors and Ministers may arrive any day. And where? well, you can guess. -- And if they are all brought back, there will be none left there to do any parochial work. Hence, no need of a Procurator. Besides, Fr. Wall will be among them, and I know of no one else who knows so much about that kind of work and who knows so well the wires to pull as he does. He could take on whatever procuratorship there may be to do. Another thing, the Government of the B.S.I. have established an office in Sydney to carry on whatever business can be carried on. It is composed of former officials from Tulagi, who therefore know the Fathers and the ways of the Catholic Mission in the B.S.I. Sydney still seems to be the place.

I shall therefore be further obliged to you if you can secure at your convenience such safe passage as the present circumstances allow for our Fathers and Brothers to Australia.

With sincere thanks and good wishes,

Yours devotedly in J.C.S.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

His Grace
Most Rev. H. E. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Dec. 10, 1941.

Your Grace,

Pursuant to our conversation at the Sacred Heart Convent, Rose Bay, early this month, concerning your kind offer of employment in the Archdiocese for excommunicated Fathers from our Missions, I am now in position to offer two Fathers of a group of four who were landed here last Sunday, the 1st. They are Father Aloysius van Monte, S.M., aged 54,
" Bernard van de Walle, S.M., aged 35.

Both are Dutchmen, who talk English very fluently and exceedingly well, whom I can recommend for almost any mission, should they see practice in preaching in the English tongue.

I had hoped to be able to place more Fathers at Your Grace's disposal, but several of our excommunicated Fathers are still in New Zealand awaiting passage to Sydney, while one of the four mentioned above as having arrived last Sunday, Father Domatien Guisard, S.M., 50, must remain at Villa Maria for a time, as he is in need of medical treatment, and the fourth, Father Albert de Flage, S.M., aged 47, also a Dutchman with a good working knowledge of English, will be appointed to the Marist Convent at Mittagong, if he is acceptable to you for the post held earlier by Father Henry-Lavergne, S.M., now back in New Caledonia.

I have sub-delegated to these four Fathers the faculties as per the annotated Facella no. F.526. If you judge it necessary, I can recommend them all for the ordinary full Facella of faculties of the Archdiocese.

Fathers van Monte and van de Walle will be ready to report at any post you may designate for them the first week in January.

When the five other Missionaries arrive from New Zealand, I trust that I shall be able to place ~~either~~ two or three of them at your disposal.

With very sincere thanks for your kind offer, which is of great assistance to me and of invaluable benefit to the Fathers concerned, I beg to remain,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. M. McMahon, S.M.,
88 Hobson St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Dec. 29, 1942.

Dear Father McMahon,

I was very surprised and am heartily sorry to learn of your illness; and so are all the Fathers here, especially your former Confreeres of the Solomons:--the news came so suddenly, when we rather expected to receive you here among us. "Man proposes..."

Good Father Seaney suggests that you remain in N.Z., at least for the present, that he will look after you until you recover your health and strength, like Mrs. Buckley and Cheeseman. The Provincial Council and myself are all for that suggestion; for the prospect of a trip across the Tasman in your state would be enough to add to your distemper; and you will get even better treatment over there than we can provide here, even in the Blue Mountains, where you would be so lonely. I am writing to-day to Mr. Seaney to tell him so, and to let him know that you are left in his kind hands and that you will obey him until you are again well enough to leave the Sanatorium. We shall all look upon you as our Confreere always, pray for your recovery and expect to "hear" from you occasionally. God bless you.

Is it not providential that your affliction should come upon you just after you have returned to a civilised country, where all care and assistance can be given you? Be firm every reason, then, to trust to God for the best.

Mrs. D. Colicand, van Houtte, van de Walle and de Thays, with Bro. Robert and Sr. J. Pethoda, M. Faustina and M. Francis landed a week ago yesterday. They are all well, except the latter, who will need some medical treatment before he can be given any work to do to while away the time. Fr. de Thays will go to the Christ Sisters, at Pittsburg. Mrs. van de Walle and van Houtte will be appointed to some post in the Archdiocese by His Grace. They all look happy in the expectation of something to do that will make them forget and be profitable at the same time. They are expected to take up work sometime next week.

Here's wishing you a very meritorious New Year, in a war-torn spirit of resignation to the will of God, unto a perfect recovery and the consequent determination of consecrating a new lease of life to the work already undertaken and carried on in the Solomons--the further extension of the Kingdom of Christ, in spite of the ruins left by unholy war.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

P.S.--Find enclosed a letter sent me for you by Sr. M. Evangeline.

G.E.B.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Dec. 29, 1942.

Dear Father Geaney,

Thanks for your last letter (19th) and the many things it contained in the way of news, good and bad. Among the former was that readiness to release the four missionaries named in my telegram. All seemed to be plain sailing. Bishop Darnand accepted the missionary offered him, and did so with enthusiasm. Then we struck a snag. Father Orave, who had been loudest in his demand for help, answered as follows my offer of three fathers for the duration: "If they come only for duration better not send them." It may not be so bad as it sounds, and I mean to follow it up. I know the limitation put on me by the Superior General--that all these missionaries were destined to the Solomons some day--and that prevents us from giving them "freehold", so to speak, to Fiji; but forgets that "Passionaria" is also points of the law, and that the missionaries themselves may wish to remain in Fiji after the war is over, etc. etc. I shall perhaps succeed in bringing him to reconsider his decision.

Here is then what we have decided, the Council has agreed;-- Father McDonald is appointed to Samoa, for the duration, and perhaps for good subject to ratification later by the Superior General. He may therefore embark for Samoa whenever he is ready. I am writing to him today to advise him of this decision.

The other three will have to wait further developments. I am sorry that an unexpected obstacle has been raised again on the path to the realisation of their desire to go to the Missions. I shall do my ~~level~~ best to level it and without undue delay.

The bad news about Fr. McElhannon was unexpected and was received with real sorrow by all, especially his confreres of the Solomons. Your suggestion that he should be treated in a sanatorium in F.R., at least for the present, meets with our hearty approval, and we thank you for your charity to our afflicted confrere. I have just written to him that he could not be in better hands or in more favourable conditions for recovery, and to obey God in all things until he is well enough. Of course, Father, the Province of the Missions stands ready to assume all expenses for his care. May God soon restore him to health.

The Fathers of the Council are also thankful to you for your suggestion that Fr. Scanlon ~~make~~ make his Second-Novitiate this year with N.Z. Confreres. The idea is a good one, and it must be workable since you suggest it; therefore he is hereby called to his Second-Novitiate this year with such of your subjects as may be called by you. He will be apprised of this decision in his regard.

I shall be writing to Frs. J. Coicand, Boudard, van Nuchelen and Bro. Gerard to prepare to join their confreres at Villa Maria as soon as they can conveniently do so. A week ago yesterday we received four Fathers, two Brothers and three Sisters, whom I need not

name, for the Evacuees at your end must have told you who they are. They are all well, and will assume work the first week of January, except Fr. D. Coicand, who is in need of minor medical treatment before he gets a post of duty.

The personnel of the So. Solomons is now practically out of danger. But what may we expect from the So. Solomons? Since the 7th of March I have not received one word from anyone there. Then, there may suddenly be new evacuations from that quarter. But let us hope there will be no repetition of the massacre of Tasimboko.

With all good wishes,

Yours devotedly in J. J. J.,

C. E. FERGUSON, S. J.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. D. Scanlon, S.M.,
Meanece,
N.Z.

Dec. 9, 1942.

Dear Father Scanlon,

I have a bit of good news for you. Father Geaney suggested to me that you were welcome to take your Second-Novitiate with his candidates this year, as you are on the spot and have all the qualifications for it; only the call depended on me. Well, I hereby issue that call to you. Just obey Fr. Geaney for the rest of the arrangements. Congratulations and all good wishes for that important exercise.

According to all accounts you are keeping well and busy. I hope that your enforced stay in the home country will only benefit you every way. Others of your former companions have come to join you also as evacuees. May they too improve their health and render service wherever they will be employed for the duration. We are still awaiting the first batch of them--those that came with you. But, alas, poor Fr. Colahan will not be one of them. He seems pretty bad, if Fr. Geaney had not misinformed us as to the seriousness of his state. He is being told to remain in U.S. for the time being. He is young, and may overcome the awful illness that he has contracted.

Then there is the last contingent of your apprentices that have just arrived. Those who landed here, Monday week, have been given their jobs, except Fr. Colahan, who will have to receive some minor medical treatment before he is out to work. Fr. de Thiers will go to the Marist Sisters, at Wittington. Fr. van der Meer will take up some post in the Archdiocese. Vi la Maria will thus have plenty of spare rooms for her convent,--until they too are accommodated with posts of duty, to while away the days of exile.

Not a word yet from the No. Solomons. May the missionaries there have better luck than you all had in the South. That is our hope; but what are the facts? Time alone will reveal.

With sincere good wishes for a happy New Year,

Yours devotedly in J.C.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Stom:--S. E. Perceon, M. D.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Darnand, S.M.,
Apia,
Western Samoa.

100.50.1942.

Dans avons ici actuellement quatre Bretons (H. Boicaud, Y. H. Monte, van de Halle et de Thoye), deux Bretons (Robert et John), et trois sœurs M. M. (M. Maustina, Ethada, Francis), arrivés le 21; pendant que les PP. Mondard, J. Boicaud et van Becheion, le Fr. Gerard et trois sœurs sont à Auckland, attendant de venir ici avec le premier contingent encore en Nlle Zelande. Une douzaine de sœurs au moins ont choisi de débarquer en Nlle Calédonie, et y sont déjà placées. La sr. M. Edmee fut enfin rattrapée par les Américains et conduite à Noumea en aéroplane. Fr. Aubin et les autres encore aux Salomon du Sud sont en sûreté pour le moment. Pas un mot du Nord.

From:--G. Z. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. J. Boudard, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. P. McKeeffry,
Bishop's House,
Auckland.

Dec. 30, 1941.

Bien cher Confrère,

Tout d'abord je vous souhaite la bienvenue dans nos pays civilisés, et vous félicite d'avoir échappé aux dangers de guerre sur mer et sur terre. Dieu en soit beni. louanges à notre Bonne Mère, Reine des Apôtres.

J'entreprends les démarches nécessaires auprès des Autorités Australiennes pour votre passage ici. Préparez de votre côté vos bagages. Dès que tout sera arrangé, je tenterai de venir, car il faut faire de la place pour d'autres qui pourraient encore venir arriver, afin de ne pas encombrer nos bien-aimés de la Ville d'Orléans, qui nous doivent leur salut par leur charité et toutes leurs amabilités. Dieu les récompense.

Bien vous trouverez ici de quoi vous occuper et vos habillottes, pour vous faire oublier tout ce que vous avez mis en danger et vous procurer quelque plaisir de distraction, si cela n'est pas incompatible avec les règles. Ils sont tous très bien et vous serez tous les bienvenus à notre maison, 100 rue d'Orléans, Ville d'Orléans.

En vous souhaitant une Bonne et Heureuse Année, je prie que si vous le pouvez, vous m'écrivez à l'occasion, et que vous me fassiez savoir,

Je demeure

Votre tout dévoué G. Z. Bergeron, S.M.,

G. Z. Bergeron, S.M.,
Provincial.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --Rev. J. Coicaud, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. P. McKeefry,
Bishop's House,
Auckland, N.Z.

Dec. 30, 1942.

Bien cher Confrere,

Nous sommes tous heureux de vous savoir enfin en sûreté, par les veines et les dangers au milieu desquels vous avez vécu ces derniers mois. Bien en soit. benie. Benie aussi soit sa sainte Mère, qui a si bien protégé ses enfants.

J'entreprends ici les démarches nécessaires auprès des Autorités pour vous permettre de séjourner dans le pays. De votre côté, préparez-vous au voyage sans trop de délai. Car il faut bien faire de la place pour d'autres qui pourraient bien vous suivre en Nouvelle Zélande; et par ailleurs, il ne faut pas laisser à nos bienfaiteurs, qui méritent tous nos regards.

Ici, si votre Marie le permet, nous vous occuperons une occupation, juste pour vous faire oublier vos misères et donner à quoi vous distraire. S'il vous faut des vêtements, nous vous les avertir, nous vous les procurerons. S'il vous faut du pain, Marie en est toute pleine.

Bonne Année, donc, et au plaisir de vous revoir.

Votre tout dévoué G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Brother Gerard, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. E. McKee, S.M.,
Bishop's House,
Auckland, N.Z.

Dec. 30, 1943.

Dear Brother Gerard,

Heartily welcome to safety and civilisation after all the hardships of the last few months. Thank God and Our Lady, you are now well out of it all. Hurry and come over to us here. We shall all welcome you to Villa Maria, where several of your confreres already have taken refuge. If you are unwell, we shall give you the medical care you require; if you are well, we shall find congenial work for you on the grounds or in the house; just so you will forget the awful things you have been through.

I am securing from the proper Authorities the required permits for you to land in Australia, and will call in N.Z. to get your unduly to come over. Brothers Robert and John are already at home at Villa Maria; you too will find them the old ones. I hope you had.

Wishing you a happy New Year after the long time you have had, and hoping to greet you here in the near future, I am, dear Brother,

Yours devotedly in S.M.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. P. van Mechelen, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. P. McKeeffry,
Bishop's House,
Auckland, N.Z.

Dec. 30 1941.

Dear Father van Mechelen,

Let me first welcome you back to safety and civilisation after the hardships you have been through. Thank God and Our Lady, you are now well out of it. Now--including your Confessors and fellow-evangelists--will be glad to greet you. So come over as soon as things can be conveniently arranged. On my part, I am trying to get you and the others a permit to land in Australia, and while all in N.Z., do not unduly delay your departure for Sydney.

If you need medical advice--which I doubt--you shall get it. If you are well--which we hope--you will be glad to work to make you forget the awful experiences of the last few years, and occupy your mind usefully, for you would feel that you have been idle. We have had the billiard table refitted, and we are going to have occasional bouts at either billiards or snooker. We have fitted sound-proof doors to the room, so that your presence or your voice shall not inconvenience the population of Bishop's Hill and Brimley.

A Happy New Year to you, and I hope to see you again soon.

Yours devotedly in J. I. C.,

G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. A. McDonald, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. V. Seaney, S.M.,
Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Dec. 30, 1942.

Dear Father McDonald,

You have been informed by Very Rev. Fr. Seaney that my Council and myself have decided not to keep you waiting too long for a place in the Division, even if a first appointment may not prove final when the Very Rev. Superior General reviews the situation after the war and deems it advisable to make changes.

The actual needs in some Divisions having become urgent, we --the Council and I--have decided that for the duration of the war at least you should report to His Reverend Bishop Bernard of Samoa. I can congratulate you on the appointment, for Samoa, besides being in greater part under mandate to N.Z., offers plenty of immediate work among people of your own nationality, and a very interesting population of Polynesians. I need not insist, as you have met N.Z. missionaries from there on vacation in the home land, who must have told you more than I could even in our airmail letter.

Though I cannot guarantee that you will remain there ever after, yet I can assure you that if you are cleared by Samoa, and the Bishop is pleased with you, there can be later such powerful wire-pullings to keep you there.

I am this day writing to Bishop Bernard to advise him that he may expect you as soon as you have taken your sabbatical leave after the school term and made arrangements for your trip. I have no further directions to give you, as you and the Fathers with you will know just what to do to achieve all your mission. God bless you and may Our Lady protect you on the trip and in the field.

May 1943, your first year in the Division be your happiest, your most meritorious,--a milestone in your existence.

Yours devotedly in J.I.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

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all of whom, except two Fathers, are expected to report in due time at Villa Maria, Sydney.

4) -- In AUSTRALIA, (Villa Maria) -- four Sisters, and three Sisters.

There were in all four air force aircraft; -- the first, which was sent to New Zealand; the second, which was sent to New Zealand; the third, which was sent to New Zealand; the fourth, which was sent to New Zealand.

I am sorry to hear that the air force is not yet back from the North Island. However, the air force is not yet back from the North Island. However, the air force is not yet back from the North Island. However, the air force is not yet back from the North Island.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's humble servant, J. J. J.

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His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, B.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Jan. 1, 1943.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to communicate to you the latest information to hand concerning the personnel of the Mission of the South Solomons. A letter sent by His Lordship Bishop Aubin to one of the Sisters lately evacuated, which she was to hand me, but which she mailed me from Honiara when she elected to remain there with some other Sisters, reached me the day before yesterday and completes the data up to the 15th Nov. Here are the relevant portions of His Lordship's letter:--

- "1)---I have obtained, by a very special favour, the permission to stay and to be transferred from Bougainville to Honiara.
2)---All the Sisters of the Vicariate have to be evacuated as soon as possible,--also Fathers and Brothers of Good Samaritan and San Cristoval.
3)---I have the permission to keep 2 priests at Buia (Fr. Stuyvenberg and Fr. Wall) and 2 at Rokoro (Fr. Simler and Fr. Tisserand).
4)---At the last moment I heard that Fr. de Klerk, Fr. Halbwachs and Palmer were not leaving."

Then in a postscript:--"The situation of Fr. Halbwachs and Fr. Palmer has been regularized. I have got the authorisation to keep them at Takwa and also 2 priests at Wanoni. Fr. de Klerk's situation has also been regularized by the Authorities."

Actually the Missionaries of the South Solomons are distributed as follows:--

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1)---In the SOUTH SOLOMONS:--His Lordship, two Fathers and two Sisters.
2)---In NEW CALEDONIA:--Fourteen Sisters, including Sr. M. Edmee.
3)---In NEW ZEALAND:--Six Fathers, three Brothers and three Sisters.

Department of the Interior,
Canberra.

Jan. 2, 1943.

Dear Sir,

Towards the twentieth of last month the following Marist Missionaries--Rev. Fathers J. Coicand, J. Boudard, P. van Mechelen, Lay-Brother Gerard John Pot,--who had been evacuated by order of the Authorities of the British Solomon Is. from Guadalcanal and Malaita, arrived on an American ship in New Zealand.

They were all intended for Villa Maria, Cater's Hill, Sydney, which is the official Headquarters of the Marist Missions in the Pacific. In fact, I have since received a telegram from Australia inquiring "will Authorities (in Australia) let them land".

I therefore, as Provincial Superior of the Marist Missions in the Pacific and their responsible head, respectfully make this application to your Department to issue in their favour permission to land in Australia, and herewith submit the following items of information relevant to their case and to each one for whom said permit is asked:--

- 1)--The Marist Missions with Headquarters at Villa Maria, Sydney, assumed all responsibility for their Missionaries in Australia and all incidental expenses, with no pecuniary burden on State or Commonwealth.
- 2)--Father Jean Marie COICAND, was born in France, (Nantes), on Jan. 27, 1875, has served 41 years in the B.S.I. He was in Sydney, in transit to the Missions, 41 years ago. Again in 1906, arriving July 2 for Chapter (Conference), went from Sydney to Wellington, N.Z., Aug. 29th, per "Maunganui", passed through Sydney--date unrecorded, as I myself was absent from Sydney at the time--to return to the B.S.I., where he served until evacuated.
- 3)--Father Jean BOUDARD was born at Vannes, France, Apr. 23, 1881, passed through Sydney on his way to the B.S.I. 54 years ago. He came through Sydney on his way to France in 1932, returning thence Jan. 19, 1933 and left Sydney for the B.S.I. on the 18th Feb. 1933. The last time he came to Sydney was on the 20th Apr. 1937, leaving for the B.S.I. on the 29th May, 1937.
- 4)--Father Peter VAN MECHELEN was born at Breda, Holland, on the 25th Jan. 1905. He went to the B.S.I. 11 years ago. Since his first passage through he came again to Sydney for spiritual retreat and prolonged rest for anamia, from May 5, 1939 to July 12, 1940.
- 5)--Lay-Brother GERARD (JOHN POT) was born Utrecht, Holland, on the 12 Apr. 1905, and went to the B.S.I. 9 years ago, passing through Sydney on his way there, and has never returned.

If more information is required concerning these four Missionaries and I can supply it I shall willingly do so.

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Hoping, however, that the above particulars will suffice and looking forward to a favourable reply,

I beg to remain, dear Sir, with anticipated thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Society of the Sacred Mission.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. L.P. Kellermann, S.M.,
Marist College,
Brookland, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Jan. 5, 1943.

Dear Confere,

Here is my thankful acknowledgment for receipt of the *Commercium*, Vol. XX, No. 6. Needless to say that I always read the *Commercium* from first page to last and find every issue of it very stimulating, as I follow all those dear confreres of the home-land, many of whom I know so well, and full of enthusiastic activity for the good Cause. I often think what an encouraging thing it would be to have a copy of it for every Marist-bound missionary. He could see for himself that he is not the only hard-worked and hard-pressed Marist in a changing world. Not that he loves or shirks; but it is a good tonic to know that you are one of a great body, every member of which is a busy bee.

You have read of the tragedy of the North Solomon Mission. Its personnel are now scattered, the Bishop, ten Sisters and two Sisters only remaining in the Group. and none of these will be evacuated, no doubt. Fourteen Sisters are in New Caledonia; six Sisters, three Brothers and three Sisters are in New Zealand, and here we are harboring four Fathers, ten Brothers and three Sisters. Of course, some of them now in N.Z. will come over as soon as they can cross the Tasman, for Villa Maria is their headquarters in this part of the world. We shall employ them as best we can locally for the duration, and make room for other possible evacuees from the Islands. We have no word from the North Solomon Missionaries. We can only hope that no tragedy has overtaken none of them and that they can obtain the necessary items of food and clothing and--but how?--the requisites for Holy Mass and Communion.

Other Missions are carrying on with the old supply of missionaries, as the fresh recruits are not available. Still the work goes on, awaiting better days.

And may this New Year bring them back.

Wishing you and the Sodalistae God's choicest blessing through 1943, I remain, Dear Mr. Kellermann,

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G. W. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Sr. M. Evangeline, Sm. Sm.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

Jan. 5, 1943.

Dear sister M. Evangeline.

Let us again hear from you.

With sincere good wishes for a happy New Year.

Yours devotedly in J. I. I.

G. H. BASKIN, JR., S. M.

Kindly extend greetings and good New Year wishes to Dr. A. Therese and all the other sisters.

G. E. B.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Sister M. Raphael, S.M.S.,
Noumea,
New Caledonia.

5 janv. 1943.

Ma chère Soeur M. Raphael,

J'ai bien reçu le billet de Mgr. Aubin, confié à vos bons soins pour moi, et le gentil petit mot de votre part qui l'accompagnait. Merci beaucoup. Cette dernière note de Mgr. Grandeur m'a donné un bon aperçu de la situation actuelle de son Vicariat et de son personnel dispersé, hélas, vous savez comment.

Le P. Scamlon est placé dans les Prévôtés d'après pour la durée de la guerre. Le P. Bonnard servira d'aumônier aux Soeurs du Lévis-ham, à leur Rest House de Christchurch. Le M. de la Roche est déclaré T.P., et restera en Nouvelle Calédonie pour se rétablir, si les conditions n'arrivent pas trop tard. Les autres viendront des qu'ils pourront trouver passage à Villa Maria, ou ils trouveront en l'absence de la suite leurs forces, afin d'oublier autant que possible les horreurs des mois derniers et les peines de l'exil.

Les Soeurs, dont quelques-unes étaient fatiguées et épuisées, se reposent. Il ne semble pas y en avoir parmi elles qui vont ici de trop se soucier. Dieu merci. Elles se rallumeront et seront prêtes à reprendre leur travail avec une ardeur renouvelée, quand la tourmente aura passé.

Le P. de Thoye est parti ce matin pour visiter ou il sera aumônier des Soeurs Maristes avancées avec leur école. Le P. de Monto ira jeudi se placer au service de Mgr. l'Archevêque de Sydney comme Assistant Vicaire dans une paroisse de Sydney, pas loin. Le P. D. Coicand soignera d'abord son rhumatisme, puis se verra. Le M. van de Walle aussi servira dans le Diocèse. Enfin, les Freres rentreront ici, ou il y a toujours du travail de toutes sortes. Pour le moment tout le monde semble heureux, malgré l'éloignement, parce qu'il y a du poste occupé dans les Salomon; c'est-à-dire, que l'on fait bonne figure à mauvaise fortune. C'est beaucoup.

En vous remerciant de vos souhaits de Bonne Année, je vous prie, ma Soeur, de vouloir bien agréer les vœux que je vous envoie en retour. Que 1943 vous apporte le mérite entier de votre exil, qu'elle vous ramène, après une paix victorieuse, à votre poste dans les Salomon, pleine de santé, secondée par les bénédictions du Ciel dans votre apostolat.

Priez pour

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Rev. J.M. Boudard, S.M.,
Mount Albert Presbytery,
Auckland, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

6 janv. 1943.

Cher Pere Boudard,

Je vous avais a peine adresse ma derniere lettre que je recevais un telegramme du P. Brugmans me proposant, vu le besoin urgent des Soeurs de Lewislam Rest House, Christchurch, d'un pretre pour leur dire la Messe, vous ou un autre Pere recemment evacue des Salomon pour le poste. Je lui ai repondu que je vous nommais de fait. Il fallait agir promptement, puisque c'etait par telegramme que la demande etait faite.

J'espere que la chose vous agree: la charge n'est pas lourde, elle vous pose, elle vous donne un logement et un soutien ni n'est pas de pure charite. Vos Messes seront a vous: le traitement, vous l'emploierez pour vos besoins--votements, voyages, etc.: le surplus, sera pour votre Mission. Comme religieux, vous demanderez les permissions necessaires au H.P. Goenay, mais vous vous enirez de la Province pour ce ministere. Mais vous ne changez pas de Province: vous restes toujours de la Province des Missionnaires de l'Oceanie. Je n'insiste pas. Vous rentrerez dans votre Mission, la guerre finie.

Les autres Peres et Freres, excede les PP. Sevellec et Leclerc, qui pour des raisons particulieres restent en Nouvelle Zelande, viendront ici, et y seront employes suivant leurs forces, afin de ne pas souffrir de l'oisivete, ou de ne croire a charge. Ainsi, les PP. de Theys, van Roubt et van de Walle sont places, a la fois instructeurs et remuneratifs pour leur benedice. Comment, d'ailleurs, trouverions-nous de la place pour tout le monde, surtout s'il arrivait aux Salomon du Nord ce qui vous est arrive a vous aux Salomon du Sud?

Le P.D. Colcaud boite un peu: son rhumatisme. Ce n'est pas grand'chose. Les autres, arrives et residents, sont en bonne sante. Il y a le P. Kausch qui, il y deux jours, a ete porte d'urgence a l'Hopital Mater pour une operation de pierres dans les reins. Pourra-t-il subir une operation avec son coeur si faible? Nous n'en avons pas plus de nouvelles; donc, il est peut etre satisfait.

En terminant je vous offre, ainsi qu'aux Confreres avec vous, mes meilleurs souhaits de Bonne et Heureuse Annee--avec le retour de la paix, la reprise de votre chere Mission, et tout le merite de votre exil.

Bien a vous en J.E.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.



From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Marist Fathers,
Villa Maria Monastery,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev.T.J. Wade, S.M.,
Kieta,
T.N.G.

Jan.6,1942.

My Lord,

It looks as if one ought ^{of} be an optimist to wish anybody else a Happy New Year in the present circumstances. Yet solidarity and morale can be boosted no end by community of thought on brighter issues. We are not in doubt as to the final outcome of the struggle now at our doors, and so we pierce the gloom and let our thoughts rest on the eventual victory and the peace that will follow. May this year, then, be in that expectation a most happy one for us all.

In your responsible position as Bishop your worry is deep and broad as your Mission. Faith and trust in Providence will bear you through, and with you the personnel of your Vicariate.

We must pray as we never prayed before that all may be spared physical and spiritual harm during the year; that God may draw good out of the evil of war; that what we sow in tears in these days of stress may grow into an abundant harvest of grace in the coming days of peace.

I was on my way back from the visitation of Mgr. Halbert's Mission when Japan began her fireworks. There was no excitement among the passengers; though, you may surmise, we were glad to get alongside. Like the other Missions, Mgr. Halbert's was getting on surprisingly well, even after two and a half years of war. Australia had accepted the country's currency, and so purchases could be made at Sydney,--and all was honky-dory. But what will happen now out there? And everywhere else in our Missions? That is in the hands of God,--and hence, our hope for the best.

We are all well at Villa Maria. Fr. Rigard has only another month to go to complete his 90 years. He'll breast the ribbon, still fresh for another sprint.

There is a lot of grip in Sydney, and the drought is perhaps the worst ever,--certainly the worst I have experienced these many years. Some of us associate the two, making the drought the main cause of the bad grip now prevalent. Of course, we have had another cause lately: terrific heat. Last Sunday, for instance, there was 107. plus degrees of it. Fortunately it was the dry kind mostly, otherwise it would have been unbearable, absolutely. So, we are praying for rain, too. Our prayers must be unacceptable, on both subjects of peace & victory and rain; we can at least give them the last quality of prayer, which is perseverance.

Wishing you God's help and choicest graces for the new year,

I remain, My Lord,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.?

G.E. Bergeron, S.M.
G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

*Kindly extend good wishes to all at Kieta.
G.E.B.*

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J.M. Greve, S.M.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Jan. 6, 1943.

Dear Father Greve,

I have all your letters, plus a telegram, of December to account to you for. Do not think that I have been remiss. I have been overworked, that with Christmas mail, new arrivals from the Solomons,--in two lots--and trying to find positions for new and old Missionaries, requiring letters and telegrams to Bishops, Pro-Vicars and Provincials.

I thank you for your Circular Letter re my request for special prayers for our Missions, and the information which I found in the same document concerning your schools. In all of which I kindly accept my appreciation and congratulations.

Again, you have kept me posted on the progress effected in your Vicariate of Fathers and Brothers, such data are invaluable for statistics and information to Headquarters. I am awed of details of the kind, and rightly so. In this connection I note what you are doing for Fr. Laplante and for dear Bro. Anselme, for their respective ailments.

Re proposal of three New Zealand Missionaries to you for the duration, here is the position. There were four young priests accepted by the Very Rev. Superior General for the Vicariate--the Solomons, unless I judged otherwise in the circumstances. You know what the present circumstances are out there. You know, too, that it might not be advisable to leave four young missionaries in long suspense. Therefore just as vacation time came around again, I asked Fr. Denny could he release them if I could get them assigned to some mission. He readily agreed. Hence my telegram to you. I had sent a like one out to Bishop Bernard. He accepted immediately. I was really sorry that you could not see your way to accept my offer. Of course, I could not guarantee that they would be lost in Fiji after the war--the Superior General might want them elsewhere. But it does seem to me that that clause in the telegram is a precaution, for if the Vicariate Authority is pleased with a man, and the man is himself at home in that particular Mission, possession will have the force of nine points of the law, and skillful wire-pulling might bring the Superior General kindly to consent to let the missionary remain where he and his immediate Superiors want him. The question of expense does not seem to be an objection, if we consider that in six months a priest can cover that fro. and to N.Z. by the only stipends of his masses, and Margarine left over. The question of language is a more serious one in itself; but that should prove a strong argument in favor of retaining one that has already mastered it.

In view then of all that, could I prevail upon you to reconsider your decision in favor of one, or two, if not three, of those young

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Fathers? Otherwise I shall tell Fr. Seaney that I am obliged to leave our men there yet another scholastic year.

The latest about our evacuees in N.Z. is that Fr. Macdonald will be occupied in his homeland, as he is a New Zealander. Fr. McMahon has been declared T.B., and will be entered--if he is not already an inmate--into a sanatorium. Fr. McDermott will act as Chaplain to the Lewisham Sisters at their Rest House, Christchurch. The others are to come here and will be given work in claymines and in parishes. Three/only three have been allocated: Fr. de Mayo, with the Marist Sisters at Witarong; van Mont, as Assistant Master at Warkingtonville; and Fr. van de Velle, who is to be in some post any day by His Grace. Fr. D. O'Brien is too run-down just now to do any work, but he too will, as soon as he is well, receive some job to keep his mind off his troubles and earn something for himself against the losses sustained by his station in the colonies. The Brothers can find more work in the property here than they can do.

So you see that we are busy here too making plans for any number of evacuees present and future--for we must have ready-made hosts for them all. Let us hope that when for the future will come in plans; that there will be no more evacuees. Let us protect those left in the field; those in invaded islands such as Newmarket and Bala, of whom we have not a word.

With hearty good wishes,

Yours devotedly in J.I.P.,

Collector of Customs,
Customs House,
Circular Quay,
Sydney.

Jan. 7, 1943.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with a request made by your Department concerning an undertaking by me for the support and sustenance of REV. ALOISIO BRUCHMAN, C.M., who has applied for passage from New Zealand to Sydney, Australia, I beg to guarantee that Rev. Father Bruchman, who was evacuated from the South Islands, is a member of The MARIST MISSIONS and will find a home at the Marist Missions Headquarters, Villa Maria, Mount St. Mary, Sydney, ^{which will be} on my responsibility for his sustenance, without burden to the State or Commonwealth of Australia.

With respectful thanks for this and all your assistance,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

From: --G. M. Bergeron, S. M.,

To:--Rev. L. Lejeune, S.M.,
Makapai,
Hiji.

12 jany. 1943.

Qui, soyez encore de ce monde quand j'irai faire sa visite après la guerre. Vous me dites bien que chez vous la terre a fait des progrès; mais le "responsum mortis" que nous avons tous chez nous, dans quelque partie de notre système si compliqué, ne fait-il pas en nous tous des progrès quotidiens? Que ce soit la lèpre, le phthisie, une maladie du cœur, un cancer ou une faiblesse des reins--nous ferons notre voyage suivant l'itinéraire trace d'avance, puis nous nous reposerons arrivés au terme. Ainsi le F. Busch, retiré maintenant à "Maryvale", résidence des Pères de la "Paroisse", voisins de Villa Maria, depuis dix ans et plus est condamné d'une maladie de coeurs. Dernièrement il a contracté une autre maladie "mortelle", des reins, qui nécessite son transport d'urgence à un hôpital pour traitement immédiat, sous peine de mort, au moins une fois par semaine, reste toujours victorieux, rouge et riant, et revient pour reprendre sa Messe de tous les jours, comme si rien n'était.

Tous les autres sont bien, même le P. Rigard. Il garde sa chambre presque tout le temps depuis un an; mais il ne souffre pas, et reste t.s.v.p.

Nous lui portons sa nourriture, pour qu'il ne s'aventure pas seul dans l'escalier dangereux de sa chambre au refectoire. Il celebrera bien son 91^{eme} anniversaire, le moi prochain. Aujourd'hui, anniversaire de la mort du P. Lahaye, que vous mentionne dans votre lettre a propos du P. Rigard precisement; celui-ci le depasse, a pleine voile, pour aller encore bien loin, si la bonne brise dure. Tout de meme, il ne semble que je ne voudrais pas vivre aussi longtemps, surtout ne pouvant plus rien faire, -- au moins de visiblement utile: faut-il donc que dieu voie encore du merite et du pouvoir dans un reste de volonte que ne veulent plus obeir le cerveau et les membres du corps fatigue dans une chose au si simple que la frequente recitation d'Ave Maria? Nescio, Deus scit.

Mes salutations affectueuses au P. Connet.

Votre tout devoue ex J. J. J.,

G. B. H. J. J. J., S. M.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --Rev. A. Roth, S.M.,
Levuka,
Fiji.

Jan. 12, 1945

Dear Father Roth,

Thanks sincerely for your good Christmas and New Year wishes. Here are mine, and I am sure, not less heartfelt. May you long remain among the living and the affectionate.

What a time our missions have been given in 1945. Let us pray and hope that 1946 will be the end of the ordeal, and bring back the good old ways of quiet missionary life, with the Japanese out of sight, physical and mental, back where they belong.

Only a few missionaries remain in Mr. Aubin's Vicariate: most all having been removed to safety far from the danger line of evacuation, as you probably know. But we have not a word from the South Solomon. That is a cause of concern and worry. We can only pray and hope for the best.

Rev. Fr. Aubin tells me in his last letter that a very brilliant General has been elected to take, at least nominally, the place of late Fr. Bonnefoux. He is Father Joseph Mathias, an alumnus of the Apostolic School at Bulat. Those who know him prize him highly. He must be somebody else he would not be selected for such an exalted post.

We are all well here just now. Even old Fr. Louis, who is very close on 91. But he now remains in his room, and his wife looks up to him. We are afraid he might fall even the other night and kill himself. On the other hand, at the Convent, there are several on the sick list, for the good sisters, as you know, that come here, usually come because they are tired or in need of medical attention. "Le Pavé", the residence of the parochial fathers, next the convent, Fr. Kausch is an inmate on the retired list. His heart, as you know, and lately his kidneys, are giving him sudden attacks that frequently necessitate his hurried removal to a hospital for immediate treatment. He manages, however, to say his Mass nearly every morning. And he has not lost his good humor or his hearty laugh.

When the war is over, and have we not signs that that may be soon? I shall go to Fiji for a long, happy visitation. Will then, in reversion?

Yours fraternally in J.E.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

His Grace
Most Rev. H. T. Gilroy, B.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Jan. 15, 1943.

Your Grace,

I am very glad to hear that you are attending the
Conference of the Clergy on January 15th and 16th and I am
glad to hear that you are also attending the
Conference of the Bishops and the Clergy on the 17th and 18th.
I am sure that you will find it very interesting and
profitable. I am sure that you will find it very
interesting and profitable.

I am sure that you will find it very interesting and
profitable.

I have the honor to be,

Your Grace's obedient servant,
J. J. J.

Duplicate of Cablegramme sent to Mother Agnes, Fiji.
Jan.14,1943.

MOTHER AGNES

SUVA

Fiji

Congratulations on jubilee and good wishes
Marist Fathers villa Maria
(G.E.Bergeron)

Collector of Customs,
Box 8A, G.P.O.,
Sydney.

Jan.19,1943.

CC& E. C "43/310.

Dear Sir,

Rev.Aloysius Brugmans - Dutch Marional.

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks your note of the 18th Jan.accompanying a slip Form B of Guarantee,to be filled in and signed by me,as an undertaking requires by the Minister of the Interior previous to granting admission into Australia of the above@named Reverend Gentleman.

Herewith please find the form duly signed by me as the Provincial Superior of the Marist fathers in the ~~Pacific~~ of the Pacific.
Missions

Thanking you for this and all former favours,

I am, Dear Sir,,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

NLT

Jan. 21, 1943

FATHER GEANEY

BOULCOTT ST

WELLINGTON N.Z.

Fathers McDonnell McDiarmid Heath may now report as soon
as convenient to Fr. Oreve

Father Bergeron.

His Grace
Most Rev. R.T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Jan. 20, 1943.

Your Grace,

Even before I could approach Brother Robert yesterday with your proposition something happened.

At the time of our conversation last Monday it did not occur to me to mention that one of the four Brothers now at Villa Maria one was loaned to us from Blessed Chanel's, Toongabbie, by the Australian Province almost a year ago when we were in great need of Brothers.

Now the Province of Australia is opening a Novitiate at Woolwich, and yesterday Rev. Fr. Hurley gently hinted that he hoped I could help him with a Brother for that work. I cannot turn him down. So I have just told Bro. James that he must prepare to report to Rev. Fr. Hurley, his Provincial, any time.

That leaves us shorthanded again until we get our three Brothers detained in New Zealand by disorganised shipping. As soon as they arrive, I shall certainly remember your request and I hope to be able then to meet it to your satisfaction.

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's humble servant in J.E.S.,

CABLE

Jan.21,1943

FATHER OREVE
SUVA
FIJI

Thanks # for Cable Expect three
Father Bergeron

Telegram

Jan.21,1943

MOTHER LOUIS
ST.JOSEPH's CONVENT
ORANGE CALIFORNIA

Your four Sisters now in N.Z.are well

Father Bergeron.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Jan. 20, 1943

Your Excellency,

At last two letters have reached me from His Lordship Bishop Wade, of the North Solomons. One is dated Dec. 8, 1942, the other the 31st Dec. 1942. Both were entrusted to a sister evacuee to New Zealand, who gave them to one of our Fathers to forward on to me. They arrived this afternoon.

I transcribe them in full:--

"8/12/42

Dear Father Bergeron,

Greetings to you and all at

Villa Maria.

Conditions here are such that it is not wise to keep the sisters.

I am sending Father Lebel to Sydney for the following reasons:

- 1)--To guide and lessen the trials for the sisters in their drastic move.
- 2)--To represent me to the Apostolic Delegate and military authorities in an energetic protest against the way the Japanese are treating our Fathers, sisters and Brothers now prisoners of war. They are kept near anti-aircraft guns at the most vulnerable spots and apparently for a reason. They are deprived of all spiritual consolations. There are now twenty of our missionaries so treated and more it seems soon to be taken.
- 3)--To protest against the robbery and devastation of the stations from which they take the missionaries.
- 4)--If supplies can be dropped to the soldiers here why not to us? Flour and mass wine in metal receptacles.

Kindly introduce Fr. Lebel as my special representative. He will give all further desired information on these and lesser matters.

Devotedly,

T. Wade, S.M."

"31/12/42.

Dear Father Lebel:

If you can

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"31/12/48.

Dear Fr. Lebel:

If you can get a Father to go, Fr. Allotte or Fr. Morel, remain yourself. Just give them instructions on what to tell to Fr. Bergeron.

Have him or yourself, if no Father goes, to find through Fr. Nicolas Mass offerings. Tell Fr. Nicolas to make arrangements with Bishop Cushing--so many Masses every month, stipends later. Get supplies through, only flour, sugar by air.

Devotedly,

T. Wade, S.M.

P.S.:--Try to get old Fathers out: we might have to go bush."

The New Zealand Father who kindly forwarded me those letters tells me that ten Sisters S.M.S.M., the four sisters of St. Joseph, and three half-caste girls arrived at Auckland on "Monday or Tuesday last"--his letter is dated Jan. 15th.--in care of Fathers Allotte and Morel, aged 77 and 67 respectively. He adds that the four sisters of St. Joseph will proceed to America when opportunity comes.

There remain fourteen Sisters S.M.S.M. in the North Solomons. Let us hope that they too will find some way of escape.

Thank God the news is not so dreadful as we feared, though it is not too good, and the end is not yet.

Father Brugmans, Bishop Aubin's Vicar-Delegate, arrived this evening from New Zealand, where he had been evacuated, if you remember, with the first group from the South Solomons. He expressed

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the desire to be privileged to be received by Your Excellency at your convenience. He is very reticent of his experiences in general conversation, but I am sure he has much to say, for he was in the thick of it and even held a prisoner for some days before he was allowed to go free.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's humble servant in J. J.,

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To**--Rev.J.Neville, S.M.,
"Silverstream",
Heretaunga, N.Z.

Jan.22, 1943.

Dear Father Neville,

I have to thank you for your prompt forwarding of Bishop Wade's letters to me. Naturally we were all anxious here to get word from him, he had been silent so long. And, thank God, the news though bad might have been so much worse. It is, further, a distinct relief to know that a fair number of missionaries have reached safety. Let us pray and hope that all will enjoy Almighty God's protection and avoid all harm.

Fr.Brugmans has joined the heavyweights. You certainly must have treated him royally over there. And is he grateful?

Over here the Fathers of both Provinces are well and carrying on. Lismore had a wonderfully successful year. A new Novitiate will open in February in the rented Mariast Sisters' Convent, Woolwich, with Fr.Crocker as Master. Fr.Hurley will finish to-morrow morning the Assistant Clergy's annual retreat. He gave the Pastors' retreat last week, and a great success it was, by all reports.

I suppose you will going back to Silverstream. Best wishes to you there and greetings to all confreres.

Yours sincerely in J.N.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. R. McDonnell, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Jan. 22/1943.

Dear Father McDonnell,

By the time you receive this letter you will already have been informed by the Very Rev. Fr. Geaney, to whom I sent a telegram yesterday, that you and the other two Missionaries-elect have been appointed to the Mission of Fiji and that you may now prepare to report to Very Rev. Fr. Greve as soon as you can conveniently do so.

Though, as I already mentioned, I wrote to Mr. McDonald in naming him to Samoa, I cannot guarantee that you will remain in Fiji after the war, I can assure you that if you are pleased with that Mission, and the Pro-vicar is pleased with you, you will have a great chance to remain there. But the fact is that my Provincial Council did not think wise to keep you waiting too long to devote yourself to your chosen life-work. I am sure that falls in very well with your ardent wishes. So, all's for the best.

I congratulate you on your appointment to a beautiful Vicariate, where you will find immediate work among a very interesting, if mixed population. Needless to insist: you have heard much about Fiji and the Fijians from the students that were with you through your Scholastic days. Only, reserve your full judgment until you yourself have been in the field: it is known fact that those who have not been in the field in spite of much acquired lore from books, lectures and letters still find the reality so different--and favourably so--from the idea they had formed of the place and people.

And, now I wish you a happy trip over, and God's Blessings upon your ministry and our Lady's protection throughout.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. B. McDiarmid, S.M.,
c/o Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Jan. 22, 1943.

Dear Father McDiarmid,

You may have been advised already by Very Rev. Fr. Geaney that you have been appointed to the Mission of Fiji. Not knowing exactly where to find you just now during vacation, I addressed my Night-Letter to him.

I was sorry to have to delay notification to you and your two Confreres; but in the circumstances that was unavoidable. Good thing it is not too late. From what I hear and surmised, you have been standing at the street corner waiting for the post man every day, every distribution. Now give your mind a rest and begin preparations, for you are expected to report to Very Rev. Fr. Greve as soon as you can conveniently do so.

Receive my congratulations on your appointment. You are going to a beautiful Mission field, where there is plenty to do in a variety of ways, among an interesting, if mixed, population of whites, half-castes, Fijian, Indian, etc. You do it as if you were to stay in Fiji the rest of your days; for though to respect the Very Rev. Superior General's intention I must make the appointment one with a reservation--for the duration--I feel sure that if you like the work, and if the Pro-Vicar likes you, the Mariet Authorities will be inclined to let leave you where you are doing so well.

And now, my best wishes for your trip over; God's choicest blessing attend you in your ministry always and our Lady protect you through many fruitful years of apostolic work.

Yours sincerely in J.H.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev.J.Heath, S.M.,
C/o Very Rev.V.Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Jan. 22, 1943.

Dear Father Heath,

By this time you must have the glad news. There was a slight delay in the making, but not one that matters much now, thank God. You may now prepare to report to Very Rev. Fr. Greve as soon as convenient. And congratulations on your appointment to a very fine Mission, where you will find immediate work of some kind, for there is a great variety of it there, because of the mixed population gathered in that interesting Group. Go at it with a will, regardless of the conditional clause I am obliged to put into the appointment--until the end of the war--to respect the expressed wish of the Very Rev. Superior General to appoint you elsewhere. Then when the war is over, if you like the work in that Field and the Authorities like you, then you will have a very good chance of remaining there. Amen. My heartiest good wishes for your trip across and for your ministry in Fiji. I shall see you there in some future year, when it becomes possible to resume my visitations of the Mission.

May God bless you abundantly and our Lady protect you from all harm.

Let me hear from you sometime.

Yours devotedly in J. . . J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Rev.J.Coicaud,S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Mt.Albert,
Auckland,N.Z.

Jan.23,1943.

Dear Father Coicaud,

Enclosed please find Permit of Entry into Australia for you, Frs. Boudard and van Mechelen and Brother Gerard. It must be presented when booking passage, and is required for each of the above-named. So that if one or two can secure passage, while others are left to wait, the permit must be left with them, for it is not needed at this end, as "The Customs Authorities have been suitably advised ~~xx~~ in the matter."

Of course, it will not be needed either by Fr. Boudard, *just now*, since he has secured occupation in N.Z. Should he have to come across later, he might be given the permit to keep until then.

All your Confreres of the so. Solomons, except your brother have already been assigned to some interesting and profitable work. There is more work for all who can do it. Come over; you will not be coerced into a job, but you can get one if you want one.

We are all well and waiting to give you a warm welcome to the old Monastery.

With best wishes to you and all Confreres over there,

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,
Provincial.

Feb. 6, 1943.

Reverend and Dear Sister,

I am sorry that I made you wait so long for a reply to your esteemed letter of the 15th Jan. The fact is that I was absent the better part of two weeks giving a Retreat to the Marist Brothers' Novices at Wittigons. And when one comes back after two weeks one finds a good heap of letters demanding more or less speedy attention. And I made you wait a little longer than I might, just because we were getting new bits of news every day from the very quarter where Sr. Marie du Sacre-Coeur is a missionary,--there might be some about her. And there was. I definitely learned yesterday that Sister is still safe and well. But we must pray for her and for all her fellow-Missionaries, for the Japanese have invaded the Mission a year ago, and we never know what may yet happen. You may therefore interest your friend and hers in the daily prayers that are offered for the Mission where Sr. Marie du Sacre-Coeur is stationed. The Missionaries there cannot starve, for the native foods they can procure will certainly be sufficient to keep them alive; but they no less certainly have much to suffer, v.g.,--and this is the worst--they may not be able to have Holy Mass and Holy Communion for want of the essentials.

We had not received any news from that quarter since last March, and then only a hurriedly scribbled note from His Lordship the Bishop to tell me that so far all were well. On the whole, we have reason to be thankful to Almighty God for having so protected him and his Missionaries serious harm, but we none the less remain very anxious for them. So join us in our prayers for their continued welfare of soul and body.

I wish to thank you for your good wishes for our Personnel here at Villa Maria and for the Sisters of our Convent. We all heartily reciprocate them and beg Almighty God to bless you and all your Community and your dear charges throughout the year.

I am, Dear Reverend Sister,
Respectfully Yours in J.M.J.,

Rev. Brother Arcadius, Provincial,
Mittagong, N.S.W.

Feb. 7, 1943.

Dear Brother Provincial,

last Friday afternoon we received a letter from one of our Sisters recently evacuated to New Zealand in which she gives a n item of definite news about your Brothers in the No. Solomons, and I am sorry to say that it is bad. she says, "The three Marist Brothers also are prisoners". Bishop Wade had said that he was sending someone with the Sisters that were evacuated to "guide and lesson the trials for the Sisters in their drastic move" i.e. their evacuation, and to "protest against the way the Japanese are treating our Fathers, Sisters and Brothers now prisoners of war", but he had not mentioned any names. Now we know some of them. God protect them.

I tender you and the families of the Brothers concerned my sincere sympathy.

In confiding this information to you I leave it to you to advise only the immediate families of the Brothers if you think you should do so and ask you to beg them not to publish or otherwise make public this news, for fear of reprisals, should the latter somehow get to the enemy; for there are many other members of the Mission still at liberty who might all be imprisoned.

Let us pray harder than ever for the personnel of our Marist Missions.

In deep sympathy,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

His Grace
Most Rev. M. T. Gilroy, D. D.,
Archbishop of Sydney.

Feb. 10, 1943.

Your Grace,

I have the honour to present for the
faculties of the Archdiocese Rev. Aloysius Bruggmans, S.M., a Father
who was recently evacuated from the South Molokans, whom I can re-
commend for any ministry, as he was in his Mission Bishop Arbin's
Vicar-Delegate and Pro-Vicar.

Father Bruggmans is now relieving for Rev. Fr. Kervick at Grey-
don. When Fr. Kervick comes back, Fr. Bruggmans and I would be happy and
thankful if you could employ Father Bruggmans, who is of Dutch origin,
somewhere in the Archdiocese, until such time as he can return to
his Vicariate.

With sincere thanks for this and all former favours,

I beg to remain

Your Grace's humble servant in J.M.I.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev.V.Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Feb.8, 1943.

Dear Father Geaney,

Your letter of the 29th Jan. reached me on the 5th Feb., and I feel so grateful to you for all it contained of news concerning the wonderful way our Refugees have been and are being treated over there and of advice about things which I felt really needed acknowledgement and direction, but which were out of my reach over here.

I am immediately complying with your several requests--writing to good Bishop Liston, Mrs McKeefry, Curran and Alink; enclosing that x letter addressed to the Naval Attache U.S.A. Forces, Wellington; and approving wholeheartedly your ideas for the use of our Fathers while they are awaiting their respective bookings. Further, if any of the older Fathers can be of service over there, and no longer a burden, I have no objection to their remaining in N.Z., except the anticipated fear that more Refugees or Evacuees may periodically land at your Ports and find former ones in the way. I understand that Fr. Boudard is already at the Rest House of the Lewisham Sisters. He might stay there as long as the Sisters want him and the war lasts. I would however like to see Fr. van Heekelen and the two Brothers Michael and Gerard to come over when passages can be had for them. Fr. Brugmans tells me that Bro. George would very much prefer to stay in N.Z. Well, I have only the objection mentioned above against the idea; but if you can employ him and thus give him satisfaction, I shall waive my claims on him for the duration, and feel further obliged to you for your kindness to the dear old Brother.

We shall long be indebted to you, the Fathers of the Province of N.Z., and the Clergy and Laity generally for the boundless generosity and wonderful fraternal charity showered upon the hapless members of our Missions. And make it look so much like a favour conferred by them upon you--a blessing. Well, God bless you all according to your abundant spirit of hospitality.

I have something else to thank you for. Your fine Ordo, or Church Calendars. They are all that anyone could desire. But here, I have tried to make a slight return with the official Sheet Calendars of the Society, which Fr. Nicolas has been instructed to mail to you for all the Fathers in your Province. Fr. Cyr had got hold of one from Fr. Courtais. He had it copied by photostat, then printed as many as would be needed anywhere. The whole lot he sent to me, and I am having them distributed. They come in handy.

With fraternal regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

NAVAL ATTACHE U.S.A.FORCES,
Wellington,N.Z.

Feb.8,1943.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor,as Provincial Superior of the Marist Missions in the Pacific,to express on behalf of our Missionaries and on my own to you and to all the Officers and Men of your Command it may concern our heartfelt thanks and undying gratitude for rescuing and bringing to safety so many of their numbers.

All Evacuees,Fathers,Brothers and Sisters,are unanimous in praise of the arrangements made for their rescue,the gallantry in execution of same and the consistent kindness which they received all along until they were landed in Ports of safety.

It may be a long time before some Officers and Men get to know of this expression of admiration and thankfulness,but should wish this letter to be filed as a record of their repeated deeds of humanity deeply appreciated and never to be forgotten.

I wish to state that after our Missionaries have been landed in safety in New Zealand or Australia you are absolved of any further liability. We shall then assume all responsibility for them with the Governments concerned,which have also showed us in every relation with them great courtesy and generous assistance.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

G.E.BERGERON,S.M.,
Provincial of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific.

FROM:--G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,

His Lordship
Most Rev. James M. Liston, D.D.,
Bishop of Auckland, N.Z.

Feb. 2, 1943.

My Lord,

The Marist Missions of the Pacific owe you an undying debt of gratitude for the unbounded charity extended to their evacuated Fathers, Brothers and Sisters. And all that was done for their comfort of body and soul after their awful ordeal sprang so spontaneously from your fatherly thoughtfulness that they were made to feel immediately at home the moment they landed, and even to this day they are made to feel that they are not a burden,--on the contrary... So, the Sisters from Tonga, the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters from the South Solomons and the North,--all are unanimous in their praise and gratitude.

I know that my words offer a poor expression of the thankfulness that they and I feel in our hearts for all you have done, and are still doing, for us; but our prayers and the merits of their future apostolic labours when they return to the Islands will be a more profitable asset, we trust. God reward Your Lordship.

I am writing a word of thanks to Rev. Frs. McKeeffry, Curran and Alink also, for they have helped in your charitable work.

Now, My Lord, we on our part will not shirk our responsibility, and we will gladly assume expenses incurred by you and your personnel for our missionaries, and when circumstances again permit it, we shall promptly refund the amount, *if we may*.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Bishop,

Yours respectfully in J.C.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial of the
Marist Missions in
the Pacific.

To:--Rev. P. McKeefry,
St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Auckland, N.Z.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Feb. 10, 1945.

Reverend and Dear Father,

I want to tell you how grateful to you we of the Marist Missions in the Pacific feel for all that you have done and are still doing for our evacuated Missionaries. All of them who have written to me tell the same story of your unbounded charity towards them and the delicate attentions lavished upon them to make them forget that they may be a burden and make them feel perfectly at home. Thank you a thousand times, and God bless you. Our prayers and the merits of the future labours of those apostolic men and women when they return to their islands will, we trust, be a more appropriate reward.

Father Brugmans, looking like a heavyweight after the wonderful care received over there, is now doing relief work at one of the Sydney Parishes. He will then be given a more permanent job, i.e., for the duration. You should hear him sing the praises of the New Zealand Clergy and people. Why, the Jewish people in the desert could have nothing on him when they remembered the onions of Egypt, even though they accompanied their plaints on the Jews' Harp.

I hope some more of the Fathers and Brothers will be able to come over and give you some relief,--if even temporary, until new refugees are again cast upon your charity. By the way,--and please do not take this awry, but meant as said--we will not shirk our responsibility in the matter of care for the refugees: we stand ready to refund, if required, and as soon as circumstances allow it, any monies spent upon them.

With all good wishes,

Gratefully yours in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial of the Marist Missions.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. A. Curran, Adm.,
St. Patrick's Cathedral,
Auckland, N.Z.

Feb. 10, 1943.

Reverend and Dear Father,

On behalf of the Marist Missions and on my own I have to thank you very sincerely for the unbounded charity you have shown our Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, evacuated these last months from their Island Missions upon your hospitable shores. Some of them had undergone severe ordeals, all of them might have felt they were stragglers and a burden; but you have made them feel so much at home that all forget their recent trials and knew that God had directed them where true Christian and Clerical charity awaited them. God bless you and reward you a hundredfold. I am sure that our prayers and their future merit in the field when they are allowed to return and resume their work will be God's way of paying off our debt.

Father Brugmans arrived safely and is now at work at Greydon, relieving, until His Grace finds more permanent work for him in the Archdiocese. May he be followed to Australia by others. For more refugees may yet come in, and they must make place for them.

If we may share in the expenses incurred for our Missionaries, we stand ready to assume our responsibilities. Just make out the amount, and we shall promptly refund the money as soon as circumstances permit. Kindly take this as meant,--a desire to shoulder a part of the liabilities that should normally fall upon us, for we know that you must have very onerous pecuniary calls made upon you these days.

With all good wishes,

Yours gratefully in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial of the Marist Missions.

To:--

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

Very Rev. Dean M. Alink,
St. Peter's College,
Northcote,
Auckland, N.Z.

Feb. 10, 1943.

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

In the glowing accounts of their wonderful reception in New Zealand given by our Fathers, Brothers and Sisters evacuated from the Solomons, your name occurs frequently as of one who has done much for them in their sad plight as they arrived fresh from their ordeal and consistently kept up that delicate touch of charity that makes the object of it feel that he is not a burden and that he must just feel that he is welcome and at home. So, I am writing a word to thank you sincerely for all you have done and are still doing for our dear missionary refugees. We all appreciate so deeply what you are doing. May God bless you and reward you a hundredfold. We trust that our united prayers and their merit once they are again labouring in the field after the war liberates them once more will prove in God's goodness an adequate reward. We and they cannot do much more. However,--and I mention this with diffidence and in the best of intentions,--if we may share the burden of expenses incurred by your kind self in the outfitting and the care of our personnel, we stand ready to assume the expense and refund the amount as soon as circumstances permit; for we know that you have many calls made upon you these days.

Give Fr. van Mechelen my best regards, and tell him not to laugh too loud, for fear of shattering your windows,--which would be a nice way of repaying your continued kindness to him. Ours are plastered over with gauze against such explosions. He'll see them--and might test them--when he comes over.

Fr. Brugmans, now a heavyweight, is doing ministry at a City church, just relief work for a couple of weeks. He will then receive from His Grace a more permanent position. The others are doing very well where they. Only Fr. van Horte had the misfortune to go down with an attack of black-water fever. He is now well, but weak, at the Mater M. Hospital. He may resume his work any day.

With all good wishes,

Yours gratefully in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial of the Marist Missions.

Au Commandant P. Ortolli.

10 fev. 1943.

Mon cher Commandant,

A mon retour de Nittagong le P. Chaize, rentre depuis quelques jours, m'a remis votre bonne lettre. Je ne suis empressé d'expédier les affaires qui demandaient attention immédiate, et j'arrive enfin avec un sentiment de vif plaisir à votre lettre pour y répondre.

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Commandant, de faire aucune excuse pour l'absence prolongée du P. Chaize: vous n'y étiez pour rien dans les circonstances. Pourvu, seulement, que le P. Chaize ne vous ait pas trop embarrassé à bord, pendant tout ce temps d'exercices et de manœuvres. Evidemment, il nous a sensiblement manqué aux belles Fêtes de Noël et du Jour de l'An. C'était prévu. Mais, il avait obtenu pour l'hôpital un bon remplaçant: cela avait enlevé aux bonnes Sœurs de Saint-Basile tout souci pour le soin spirituel de leurs chers malades.

Le P. Chaize en avait à nous dire, comme vous pouvez bien vous le figurer. Oh, nous avons su faire la part des choses. Bonne toute, il est content de son aventure; vous ne dites que vous êtes content de l'avoir eu à bord pour le bien des âmes, qui ont su profiter de son ministère, et nous tous à Villa Maria sommes contents que vous nous l'ayez ramené sain et sauf et dispos. Donc, tout est pour le mieux.

En vous remerciant de votre amabilité à l'égard de notre cher Confrère, je tiens à vous remercier encore pour vos souhaits de Bonne Année, à l'adresse de tous les Religieux et Religieuses de notre établissement. Nous tous avons adressé à Jésus nouveau-né et au Nouvel An, nos vœux sincères pour votre bien-être temporel et spirituel au milieu des dangers où vous étiez alors; nous les renouvelerons souvent pour vous et votre équipage pendant les mauvais jours de cette année de guerre. Dieu vous bénisse. Marie vous protège.

Oui, cher Commandant, venez encore nous faire le plaisir d'une visite à Villa Maria, quand vous pourrez laisser pour quelques heures votre bateau. Je pourrai alors vous redire de vive voix la profonde estime qu'a pour vous

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

His Grace
Most Rev. H. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney.

Feb. 12, 1943.

Your Grace,

Father Stephens has just told me that the Sisters of his Parish have asked Father Brumann to hear their confessions and he wants me to present Fr. Aloisius Brumann to you for the Faculties to do so.

I therefore recommend Fr. Brumann for that ministry, if he is acceptable to you.

With anticipated thanks, I have the honour to be

Your Grace's humble servant in J. I. J.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. A. Cyr, S.M.,
25 Isabella St.,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Feb. 12, 1943.

Dear Father Cyr,

The beautifully done copy of our Ordo, or Church Calendar for the use of the Society, has reached me 1000 strong, in two packets weeks apart, and for a valuable supplement to the Ordo we have received from both New Caledonia and New Zealand, which published theirs and supplied us by the same token. The summary sheets you sent are being distributed by Father Procurator to all the Missions with which we are still in touch. On their behalf and on my own I thank you very sincerely. We are now well supplied and will not trouble you for the complete Ordo.

I would have news for you, but cannot write it to you, for fear of publicity, which would probably react injuriously upon some of our Missionaries in occupied islands. You have read the main facts in the papers, and I must leave it at that.

Thank God, up to the last day of 1942 no Bishop of ours was yet a prisoner of war.

We are all well here and preparing to go on our annual retreat next week,--which is a little later than usual, because I had been giving a retreat to the Marist Brothers' novices and postulants at Pittsburg during the latter part of January. Yes, I still have that failing of accepting retreats, though I promise each time that "I will never do it again". The old spirit is there, but the flesh is getting old and perhaps breaking up, for I have no longer the facility I once had. And, naturally, I worry a lot about our Missions, and that's no good.

Enough about myself. Get in touch with Fr. LeBihan and he will tell you all about the four St. Joseph Sisters of Orange, Cal.

Did you succeed in getting Fr. Dumais off? Pretty hard traveling these days.

In closing I wish to thank you and Frs. Becker and Charost ^{again} for the wonderful sum they gathered for us in the five parishes you mentioned in yours of the 30th Oct., 1500 dollars. The sum was received here before your letter, as I mentioned to you at the time, at the end of Oct. last. (I find that my letter was undated.)

Fr. McMahon, I am sorry to say, is laid up in N.Z., at a sanatorium, with T.B. ~~They~~ collapsed his bad lung, and it will be all of six months before they can let him up and definitely pronounce on the gravity of his case. Pray for him. He was very depressed, they told me. Any mail may reach him through the Provincial, Fr. Heaney, 17 Boulcott St., Wellington.

Pray as you never did for our Missions.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Rev. Mother Louis,
St. Joseph's Sisters,
Utange, Cal., U.S.A.

Feb. 2, 1943

Reverend and Dear Mother,

I am herewith returning to you a letter you had addressed to your Sisters in the Solomons, and I take this opportunity to thank you for your latest telegram to me advising me of the arrival / of them to your Mother-House, and to tell you how pleased we all are to know them safe at home--after such hectic happenings as they went through. Deo gratias.

Give them all my respectful greetings and tell them--but is there need of this?--not to forget to pray for those whom they left behind.

With sincere good wishes.

Devotedly yours in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Yellow Express Carriers Ltd.,
588 Little Collins St.,
Melbourne, Vic.

Feb. 22, 1943.

Dear Sirs,

After many days the enclosed B/L with your accompanying note reached me in the hope that I might be able to contact the Addressee. But it is hopeless in the present circumstances. So I am returning it to you, suggesting that as you can furnish all particulars you get in touch with Messrs Burns, Philp & Co., concerning the whereabouts of the case of Missionary Goods covered by the said B/L.

Sincerely yours,

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Feb. 22, 1943.

Dear Father Hillman,

Am returning to you your letter to Brother Paul. It is undeliverable for the present. As for the two dollars it contained for him, they have been handed over to our Procurator, Rev. Fr. J. Nicolas, who has entered them in his books to Brother's credit, and they will be available to him as soon as circumstances permit.

You have about as much news about the personnel in the North Solomons as we have, if you have read the papers. So far no one is dead; all are well enough; thought they have put up with many dire privations. Pray for them that they may continue to enjoy God's protection to a happy issue.

With all good wishes,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Rev. James Mcordan,
St. Mary's Basilica,
Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.

Feb. 22, 1943.

Reverend and Dear Father,

It has been impossible to get your enclosed letter to Bishop Wade, and I do not know when any message can reach him. So I am returning it to you.

However, it had been arranged with His Lordship that he and his Missionary priests might go on saying Masses to the intention of all who kept sending him intentions, and when communications are reestablished, the count-up will be made. We have, therefore, noted your twenty intentions, and entered the cheque for offerings to his credit, through our Procurator, Rev. Fr. J. Nicolas, S.M., and I am hereby advising your good self that they will in due course be discharged by the Bishop or some of his missionary/ies. On his behalf I thank you.

Precious little news we have from his Vicariate. But we have learned that he and his whole personnel are still alive and well enough, though they have had to put up with very severe privations and humiliations. You have read in the papers that some 16 of his personnel have been evacuated. There still more than that to take out. Let us pray that no fatality happens to any of them.

With all good wishes and respectful regards,
Yours fraternally in J.M.J.

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.H. Bergeron, S.M.,

Miss Dorothea Lepping,
7361 State Rd.,
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

Feb. 22, 1943

Dear Miss Lepping,

Your letter herewith enclosed has been long on the way--and is coming back, for it cannot reach Father George. Nor do we know when it can be remitted to him. As it was accompanied by a list of his intentions, I thought it would be better not to let you wait longer, as you might surmise that the masses had been discharged.

I am his rather provincial, and spent three happy days with Fr. Lepping at Lemmananu in 1940, while I was making my official visitation of the missions in that part of the world. He was very well then and very happy. I know that he is well now, though he has had to put up with severe privations. That is all I know. Let us pray that he and his fellow-missionaries may be protected from serious harm until the happy issue of this war. God bless you.

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

G.H. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Very Rev. A. Keltus, S.M.,
Marist Seminary,
Brookland, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Father Keltus,

I am returning to you the letter you wrote to His Lordship Bishop Wade on the 24th Nov. last. It came to hand here as undeliverable, --for reasons that you now know. But according to previous arrangement with Bishop Wade, our Procurator, Fr. J. Nicolas, has taken the cheque for \$400, which covered the offering for as many Masses to be said by the Bishop and his Missionaries, and entered the lot--stipends and Masses--in his books. So the Masses are either being said up there, or will be said when their turn comes. You can therefore strike the four hundred(400) from off your list as discharged, as far as you are concerned. And thank you.

We now know that Bishop Wade is safe and at liberty, though he is said to have lost much weight through worry and necessary privations. No wonder. That is about all I may tell you.

Pray hard for him and for his Missionaries, all of whom are also well, that they may continue to bear up until the happy issue of the war, when they may resume their apostolic work.

I hope you are keeping well, as also the Fathers at the Seminary with you. To all kindest regards.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Miss Gertrude O'Brien,
32 Cutts St.,
Winford Biddeford,
Me., U.S.A.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Miss O'Brien,

I am returning the enclosed letter addressed by you to Rev. Fr. M. Hebert, and come to me lately as undeliverable. You had enclosed a dollar as an offering for one Mass intention. A fellow-missionary of Fr. Hebert's, knowing that it would not reach its destination for an unknown period of time, and not wishing to delay the Mass indefinitely, took the liberty--presuming your consent--said the Mass to your intention. I hope you find that he has done the right thing.

We have no definite news of Fr. Hebert, except that he is well and still at liberty in his Mission. Let us pray that no harm may come to him and his companions, beyond the severe privations they are enduring, until the happy issue of the war, when they can resume their work for God.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. J.M. Boudard, S.M.,
Lewisham Sisters' Rest House,
Auckland, N.Z.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Father Boudard,

Herewith a much-stained and stamped envelope that has chased you all over,--and is not yet come home to you. I do not know what it contains, but I hope it is worth forwarding. Please stay home until it catches up to you and comes to rest at long last.

How are you in your new post? They tell me that you are very lucky to have secured such a position. It makes me feel happy. Write us now and then, though you may be a victim of the common missionary disease of agoraphobia: we shall all be happy to "hear" from you. We here are all well, even old Fr. Rigard who has reached, on Feb. 8th, his 91st birthday. Yesterday at supper we had with us Frs. Brugmans (Assistant at Croydon) and van de Walle (Assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral). Fr. van Houte is now at the Mater M. Hospital recovering from the effects of an attack of black-water fever. He is appointed Assistant at Erskineville, and doing well there.

With best wishes,

His Grace
Most Rev. H. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Your Grace,

I beg to thank you respectfully for your communications of the 12th and 18th February, in which you advise me that Father Aloysius Bruggmans, S.M., has been granted the Faculties of the Archdiocese, placed on the List of Confessors for Religious, and appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of Croydon.

All last week the Fathers and the Brothers of Villa Maria Monastery were on their annual retreat. Hence my delay in acknowledging your two notes and in expressing gratitude for Father Bruggmans and myself for your great kindness.

I am confident that Father Bruggmans will give every satisfaction.

I beg to remain,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

Sister Pascaline de Ste Madeleine,
Novitiate of the Little Sisters
of the Poor,
Randwick.

Feb. 14, 1945.

Ma chere Soeur,

Je regrette que les nouvelles a
passer a Mere Supérieure de son neveu le Fr. Donatus ne sont pas
des meilleures: des évacués ont rapporté qu'il est prisonnier des
Japonais, mais toujours dans le territoire de la Mission.

Presentez mes condoléances a votre Mere et dites-lui que déjà
j'ai averti sa famille par le Rev. Fr. Arcadius, son Provincial. En
plus, je vous demande a toutes deux de ne pas répandre cette nouvel-
le au dehors: on pourrait la publier dans les journaux, et les enne-
mis pourraient la trouver, s'en offenser, et faire des représailles
a ceux de nos missionnaires qui sont encore libres.

Prions bien pour cette Mission éprouvée, et pour toutes les
autres Missions qui souffrent tant de la guerre.

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To:--Rev. A. Soubeyran, S.M.,
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From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Rev. James Mcordan,
St. Mary's Basilica,
Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.

Feb. 22, 1943.

Reverend and Dear Father,

It has been impossible to get your enclosed letter to Bishop Wade, and I do not know when any message can reach him. So I am returning it to you.

However, it had been arranged with His Lordship that he and his Missionary priests might go on saying Masses to the intention of all who kept sending him intentions, and when communications are reestablished, the count-up will be made. We have, therefore, noted your twenty intentions, and entered the cheque for offerings to his credit, through our Procurator, Rev. Fr. J. Nicolas, S.M., and I am hereby advising your good self, that they will in due course be discharged by the Bishop or some of his missionaries. On his behalf I thank you.

Precious little news we have from his Vicariate. But we have learned that he and his whole personnel are still alive and well enough, though they have had to put up with very severe privations and humiliations. You have read in the papers that some 16 of his personnel have been evacuated. There still more than that to take out. Let us pray that no fatality happens to any of them.

With all good wishes and respectful regards,
Yours fraternally in J.M.J.

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Miss Dorothea Lepping,
7361 State Rd.,
Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A.

Feb. 22, 1943

Dear Miss Lepping,

Your letter herewith enclosed has been long on the way--and is coming back, for it cannot reach Father George. Nor do we know when it can be remitted to him. As it was accompanied by a list of our intentions, I thought it would be better not to let you wait longer, as you might surmise that the masses had been discharged.

I am his Father Provincial, and spent three happy days with Fr. Lepping at Lemanmann in 1940, while I was making my official visitation of the missions in that part of the world. He was very well then and very happy. I know that he is well now, though he has had to put up with severe privations. That is all I know. Let us pray that he and his fellow-missionaries may be protected from serious harm until the happy issue of this war. God bless you.

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Very Rev. A. Keltus, S.M.,
Marist seminary,
Brookland, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Father Keltus,

I am returning to you the letter you wrote to His Lordship Bishop Wade on the 24th Nov. last. It came to hand here as undeliverable, --for reasons that you now know. But according to previous arrangement with Bishop Wade, our Procurator, Fr. J. Nicolas, has taken the cheque for \$400, which covered the offering for as many Masses to be said by the Bishop and his Missionaries, and entered the lot--stipends and Masses--in his books. So the Masses are either being said up there, or will be said when their turn comes. You can therefore strike the four hundred (400) from off your list as discharged, as far as you are concerned. And thank you.

We now know that Bishop Wade is safe and at liberty, though he is said to have lost much weight through worry and necessary privations. No wonder. That is about all I may tell you.

Pray hard for him and for his Missionaries, all of whom are also well, that they may continue to bear up until the happy issue of the war, when they may resume their apostolic work.

I hope you are keeping well, as also the Fathers at the Seminary with you. To all kindest regards.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Miss Gertrude O'Brien,
32 Cutts St.,
Roxford Hildesford,
Me., U.S.A.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Miss O'Brien,

I am returning the enclosed letter addressed by you to Rev. Fr. M. Hebert, and come to me lately as undeliverable. You had enclosed a dollar as an offering for one Mass intention. A fellow-missionary of Fr. Hebert's, knowing that it would not reach its destination for an unknown period of time, and not wishing to delay the Mass indefinitely, took the liberty--presuming your consent--said the Mass to your intention. I hope you find that he has done the right thing.

We have no definite news of Fr. Hebert, except that he is well and still at liberty in his mission. Let us pray that he may come to his and his companions, beyond the severe privations they are enduring, until the happy issue of the war, when they can resume their work for God.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely in J.M.S.,

G.E. Bergeron, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. J.M. Boudard, S.M.,
Lewisham Sisters' Rest House,
Auckland, N.Z.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Dear Father Boudard,

Herewith a much-stained and stamped envelope that has chased you all over,--and is not yet come home to you. I do not know what it contains, but I hope it is worth forwarding. Please stay home until it catches up to you and comes to rest at long last.

How are you in your new post? They tell me that you are very lucky to have secured such a position. It makes me feel happy. Write us now and then, though you may be a victim of the common missionary disease of agoraphobia: we shall all be happy to "hear" from you. We here are all well, even old Fr. Rigard who has reached, on Feb. 8th, his 91st birthday. Yesterday at supper we had with us Frs. Brugmans (Assistant at Croydon) and van de Walle (Assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral). Fr. van Houte is now at the Mater M. Hospital recovering from the effects of an attack of black-water fever. He is appointed Assistant at Erskineville, and doing well there.

With best wishes,

His Grace
Most Rev. F. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral.

Feb. 23, 1943.

Your Grace,

I beg to thank you respectfully for your communications of the 12th and 18th February, in which you advise me that Father Aloysius Bruggmans, S.M., has been granted the Faculties of the Archdiocese, placed on the List of Confessors for Religious, and appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of Croydon.

All last week the Fathers and the Brothers of Villa Maria Monastery were on their annual retreat. Hence my delay in acknowledging your two notes and in expressing gratitude for Father Bruggmans and myself for your great kindness.

I am confident that Father Bruggmans will give every satisfaction.

I beg to remain,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.M.J.,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

Sister Pascaline de Ste Madeleine,
Novitiate of the Little Sisters
of the Poor,
Randwick.

Feb. 24, 1943.

Ma chere Soeur,

Je regrette que les nouvelles à passer à Mere Supérieure de son neveu le Fr. Donatus ne sont pas des meilleures: des évacués ont rapporté qu'il est prisonnier des Japonais, mais toujours dans le territoire de la Mission.

Presentez mes condoléances à votre Mere et dites-lui que déjà j'ai averti sa famille par le Rev. Fr. Arcadius, son Provincial. En plus, je vous demande à toutes deux de ne pas répandre cette nouvelle au dehors: on pourrait la publier dans les journaux, ou les ennemis pourraient la trouver, s'en offenser, et faire des représailles à ceux de nos missionnaires qui sont encore libres.

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be reorganised as before, and then it will be time enough to go around, centenary or no centenary, to see our missionaries and cheer them on with their work.

I wish you would greet Matelita for me. I remember her very well, and I am glad to learn that she is always faithful to the Sisters and a help to them.

The Lord only knows when you will get this letter. It does not matter much: the old heart is there, and that has never really left you out of thought and prayer. Do you also pray for me.

God bless you and Mary protect you.

Yours devotedly in J.H.I.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --Rev. J. Andre, S.M.,
Lolopuepue,
Aoba,
New Hebrides.

1 mars, 1943.

Cher Pere Andre,

Votre lettre etait courte, mais elle m'a fait grand plaisir. Je vous en remercie, ainsi que de vos souhaits de bonne annee. Nous en avons besoin, tous. Quel desespoir. A quand la fin: la victoire, la paix, le retablissement?

Vous dire que je suis inquiet, inquiet, c'est peu dire, non pour nos evacues en Australie ou en Ile d'Elende, mais pour ceux qui sont restes dans les missions que vos se servent. Je ne puis vous donner beaucoup de nouvelles d'eux: le moment n'en est pas encore venu. Mais vous avez eu le massacre des Fr. Desjardins et Desjardins et des Soeurs Sylvia et Odilia pas loin de leur destination: c'est de l'histoire ancienne deja. Depuis, rien n'est, point d'autre massacre. Prions pour qu'il n'y en ait plus.

Nous sommes tous bien a Villa Maria, avec le P. Girard, dont nous avons fete le 91e anniversaire, le 18 dernier. Il baisse un peu, mais ne souffre aucune douleur, aucun mal, garde son appetit et dort comme un enfant.

Le P. Chaize, qui est aumonier a l'hopital de "ater" (sic) comme toujours, est encore aumonier des Franchis de passage a Sydney, avec un uniforme resplendissant de galons d'or, etc., qui lui sied a merveille. Il faut le voir pour le croire.

Le P. Nicolas tient toujours la Procure, en maintenant un peu, a cause de tous les embarras que les circonstances de guerre imposent a son travail. Il est toujours aussi large que long, etance meme de l'etre davantage.

Dites bien mes amities au P. Massard, a l'accusation... sans vous imposer pour cela un voyage a l'angere.

Je me rejouis avec vous du grand nombre de vos catechumes. Nous savions bien qu'il y avait quelque chose a faire. Espérons que votre succes en encouragera d'autres a abandonner la formule: "...il n'y a rien a faire."

Puisse votre sante se maintenir. Dieu vous benisse et Sa Ste Mere vos protege de tous maux de corps et d'ame.

Prions plus que jamais pour nos missions.

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. P. Boussit, S.M.,
Nukunalo, a.
Tonga.

1 mars, 1943.

Cher Père Boussit,

J'ai bien lu votre lettre de 12 octobre, ou vous m'expliquez les détails de votre visite aux Iles du nord du Vicariat. J'ignorais complètement l'ennemi qui est venu peiner le P. Tremblay. Il est bien l'homme dont le cœur sensible ne laisserait toucher par une détresse même passagère. Il reste bien un petit point sombre dans votre regard: "l'ami à l'export qui examine son cœur il est encore ici, et ne partira pas de si tôt sans doute." Cela me laisse "opaque". Enfin, ce n'est que l'avis d'un homme bien fini actuellement, je ne perdrai pas de temps à méditer la phrase. Je vous remercie de la part que vous avez prise dans la solution du cas.

La Mission reprendra un pas vers le rapprochement avec la tour des Soeurs. Elles auront joué, bien à contre-cœur, il est vrai, d'un bon repos; elles auront compris tout l'importance d'un développement complet pendant des mois; elles voient enfin l'accomplissement de leur plus ardent désir, -- tout cela attise l'ardeur, qui sent les indiennes correspondre.

Les nouvelles des Missions s'entendent vivement intéressées.

Nous sommes tous bien à Villa Maria, même le P. Girard, dont nous avons dû tant célébrer le 91^e anniversaire le 18 dernier, avec du petit verre, les souhaits d'usage et la chorale, chantée avec entrain, "Oh he's a jolly good fellow."

Le P. de Thève est aumônier des Soeurs Maristes à Villavieja. Les PP. van Houtte, van de Halle et Wynne sont ex-lèves dans le Diocèse comme vicaires. Le premier a été élite à l'inter. par une attaque de fièvre bilieuse (black-water fever) pendant quatre semaines. Il en est revenu hier, et reprendra son travail cette semaine. Le P. D. Coicaud a souvent la fièvre; mais en général se porte bien. Il reste ici pour le moment.

Nous avons enfin reçu des nouvelles de M. de. Il n'y a pas eu encore de morts chez lui; mais de la misère en abondance, comme vous pouvez bien vous le figurer. Et tout n'est pas fini. Prions bien pour nos missionnaires de cette Mission.

Je termine en vous remerciant de votre lettre et en me recommandant à vos prières.

Votre tout dévoué en J.E.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

P.S.--J'écris aujourd'hui au P. Herrmann.

Bonjours aux Confreres et aux Soeurs.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. D. Scanlon, S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Taradale, Hawke's Bay,
N.Z.

Mar. 1, 1943.

Dear Father Scanlon,

It is already more than a month since I received your letter of the 4th Jan., but so much has been happening all these weeks that I could not give it the considered attention it requires until just now, though I do have a dailyemento for your dear departed mother and a thought of you in your bereavement. You have my deep sympathy and the condolence of Fathers and Sisters of our establishment, to whom I have also known her death. R.I.P.

I thank you for your kind words about my "little mission" on. I am glad that the little I have endeavored to do is appreciated. I thank you also for your generous offer of Marie's share. That is the spirit. However, though I am delighted with it and shall not forget it, should necessity arise for calling on you, I think we should keep to the agreement come to with Rev. Fr. Gossy for the duration, and then ^{you may} consider yourself a veteran missionary of the So. Solomon Mission.

Your prayers will be most helpful in the present circumstances, which you know better than I, when we have so much to be anxious about. May God protect those who are left in the two Vicariates now in the very midst of it, and bring them through unscathed in soul and body to resume their apostolic work directly the storm has blown over.

As regards your request concerning a change in your will, before I apply to the Apostolic Delegate for authorization for on, will you specify:--1)--do you mean the said alteration to cover solely the amount left you by your mother at her death?--or along with this all other possessions previously covered by your will made before Profession?--2)--do you mean it to extend only to the interest or revenue accruing from either or from both of the amounts mentioned in no. 1)?--3)--when would the money be available to the Beneficiary? 4)--I would suggest that the formula designating Beneficiary be, "The Catholic Bishop for the time being of the South Solomons, to be kept for ^{at} call by the Procurator of the Marist Missions, Sydney." 5)--I would suggest further that you draw up a sketch of the above points to be incorporated in the wording of the will, so that when it will explain itself when presented to the proper Authority for permission.

I hope I have made myself clear in this complicated business of alteration of wills.

We are all well here, though Fr. van Houte has had an attack of black-water fever that kept him four weeks in the Mater M. Hospital. He is returning to Erskineville this afternoon to resume his duties there as Assistant in the parish.

With sincere sympathy and with all good wishes,

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON

W.B.Hudson, Esq.,
Deputy-Director of Rationing,
N.S.W.

Mar. 2, 1943.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of an order from His Lordship Most Rev. J.M. Aubin, Bishop of the British Solomon Islands, now in Malaita, for certain items of Episcopal robes to replace those which were lost when the Japanese invaded Guadalcanal, namely, -- a Bishop's cassock,
a Bishop's surtunic,
a Bishop's barrette, -- all of which are necessary for Episcopal functions.

These being essentially clerical robes and vestments, I understand, may be allowed exemption from control. A detailed list of materials required for the construction of them is attached herewith, giving the number of yards requisite for each article above mentioned.

Will you kindly confirm this and grant the needed exemption, so that materials be purchased forthwith.

With anticipated thanks, I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial // of the Marist Missions

Department of the Interior,
Canberra.

Mar. 3, 1943.

Dear Sir,

About the middle of January last two
Marist Missionaries--Rev. Fathers Francis Alletto and Aime Morol--
who had been evacuated from Bougainville Is., in the Territory
of New Guinea, arrived on an American ship in New Zealand.

They were intended for Villa Maria, Australia, Ill., Sydney,
which is the official Headquarters of the Marist Missions in the
Pacific.

I therefore, as Provincial Superior of the Marist Missions
in the Pacific and their responsible head, respectfully submit
this application to your Department to issue in their favour
permission to land in Australia, and herewith submit the follow-
ing items of relevant information about each of the above-- and:--

- 1)--Father FRANCIS ALLETO was born at Soling, France, Oct. 5, 1896;
has served over forty years in the North Solomons (Bougainville)
came to Sydney a couple of times, last time as a delegate
to our Missionary Conference at Chester, in 1938.
- 2)--Father AIME MOROL, born at St. Didier, France, Sept. 12, 1897;
served some years as Missionary in Tanna Is.; was then trans-
ferred to the North Solomons, (Bougainville) where he has been
for the last thirty-odd years.

The Marist Missions Headquarters at Villa Maria, Sydney,
assume all responsibility for their Missionaries in Australia
and all incidental expenses, with no pecuniary burden on State
or Commonwealth.

If any further information is required concerning these
two Missionaries I shall endeavour to supply same without undue
delay. Hoping, however, that the above particulars will suffice
and looking forward to a favourable reply, I beg to remain,
Dear Sir, with anticipated thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Missions.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. F. Allotte, S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Mt. Albert,
Auckland, N.Z.

2 mars, 1943.

Cher Pere Allotte,

Avec vous je remercie le Bon Dieu et Notre Bonne Mere de vous avoir retire du danger ou votre Mission se trouve pour le moment plongee, et vous avoir depose sur une plage hospitaliere. Soyez-en sincerement Felicité.

Mais j'ai ete un peu etonne de ne rien / recevoir de vous depuis que vous etes en N.Z. Peut-etre avez-vous écrit, et votre lettre s'est egaree. Je sais que vous avez une commission de la part de Mgr. Wade au Delege Apostolique et a moi, commission d'enqueter une pressante que les dangers que courent les missionnaires des Salomon sont imminents, commission qui devait etre et commandee de vive voix a Son Excellence et aux Autorites Civiles ou Militaires. Jusqu'ici rien. Aussi, Son Excellence m'ecrit-elle de vous faire venir "quam primum", afin que s'il y a quelque chose a faire, elle le fasse avant qu'il soit trop tard. Moi aussi je pourrai peut-etre me montrer utile et trouver un moyen d'entrer en communication avec les autorites que designe Sa Grandeur dans le message qu'il vous a confie.

Le permit de venir en Australie a ete demande pour vous a Canberra et vous sera signifie aussi tot reçu. Je vous conseillerai de commencer tout de suite, par vous-meme ou par d'autres, les démarches pour la traversée.

Inutile d'ajouter que vous serez reçu a bras ouverts a Villa Maria. Au plaisir, donc.

Votre tout devoue en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev.A.Morel, S.M.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Mount Albert,
Auckland, N.Z.

2 mars, 1943.

Cher Pere Morel,

Avec vous je remercie le Bon Dieu et Notre Bonne Mere. de vous avoir retires si soigneusement du danger ou votre Mission se trouve pour le moment plongee, et de vous avoir depose sur la plage hospitaliere de la Nlle Zelande. Toutes mes felicitations.

Mais j'ai ete un peu etonne de ne rien recevoir de vous depuis que vous etes en N.Z. Peut-etre avez-vous ecrit, et votre lettre s'est egaree. Je sais que vous avez une communication de la part de Mgr. Wade au Delege Apostolique et a moi, communication tres pressante, vu les dangers que courent vos collegues restes la-bas, communication qui devait etre communiquee de vive voix a Son Excellence de memo qu'aux Autorites Civiles et Militaires. Jusqu'ici rien. Aussi, Son Excellence m'ordonne-t-elle de vous faire venir "quamprimum", afin que s'il y a quelque chose a faire, Elle le fasse avant qu'il soit trop tard. Moi aussi, je pourrais peut-etre montrer utile et trouver un moyen d'entree de communication avec les autorites que designe Sa Grandeur dans la mesure qu'il vous a confie.

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Votre tout devoué en J.M.J.,

G.E.BERGERON, S.M.

Department of the Interior,
Canberra.

Mar. 2, 1945.

Reply to no. 45/119.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry of the 28th Feb.
I beg to state that Fathers Francis Alletta and Line (alias)
Moral are members of our Missionary Order and that I have
this very day written to your Department their permit for
them into Australia, giving particulars concerning them and
accepting all responsibility for them while in this Country.

Thanking you for your kind inquiry,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Mission.

From: --G.S. Bergeron, S.M.,

To: --Rev. A. Kerrmann, S.M.,
Mukualofa,
Tonga.

Paris, 1943.

Bien cher Confrère,

A la bonne heure, vous voilà guéri. Deo gratias. Il n'y a pas eu de miracle; mais c'est la Providence qui sait arranger les événements et conduire les personnes qui accompliront Ses desseins. Vous voilà plein de santé d'une longue maladie et de deux pénibles opérations, avec à reprendre votre place dans le ministère des aînés. Nous tous qui avons prié pour vous nous nous réjouissons de voir l'heureux issue de nos humbles suffrages. Unissons-nous pour remercier le Seigneur et Notre Sainte Vierge. Maintenant, prenez les choses tranquillement et raisonnez pour "faire long feu", comme disait la réputation de ce bon P. Thomas, qui a bien su lui mettre son avis au problème. P.S. Il faut être sûr, mais après avoir fait leur feu, laissez-les.

Nous sommes tous très bien à Villa. Principalement à dire que chacun traine bien sa petite misère, mais ça marche toujours. Moi, je suis souvent nerveux. Il me faut faire tout ce qu'il faut pour les uns et les autres, dans ces temps de fièvres, où il nous arrive de recevoir réfugiés et évacués. Pères, Frères et Sœurs avec toutes les formalités de temps de guerre, de trouver de la place et des conditions pour tous, afin de laisser toujours quelques-uns d'entre nous pour d'autres à venir. Deux divisions de services, et la possibilité de leur venir en aide comme le cœur le désire. C'est toujours une communication avec les Supérieurs Supérieurs. Cependant il faut agir. Heureusement on y est autorisé, mais on sent la responsabilité quelque fois bien lourde. Puis tape et tape la machine, dans l'espoir d'arriver au fond du tas de lettres, souvent officielles et importantes. Oh les lettres d'amitié comme les vôtres et les lettres de famille, c'est plutôt un repos, sinon des doigts, au moins de la tête.

Placés dans le Diocèse sont quatre de nos Pères. On y ajoutera sous peu un Frère. Restent des évêques deux Pères et deux Frères, à Villa Maria. Quatre ou cinq Pères et un Frère arriveront de P.S. dès qu'ils trouveront passage. Je ne m'occupe pas beaucoup de placer les Sœurs; Mère M. Rose en a d'établies dans les hôpitaux où elles suivent des cours de Soins Malades, et dans les écoles, où elles apprennent à faire la classe. Toutes seront habiles quand le temps sera venu de rentrer dans leurs Missions. En attendant, cela vide un peu le Couvent, et occupe les esprits. Pensez que c'est nécessaire.

Je rêve plus que jamais, en vieillissant, et au milieu de tout ce tracassé, d'un bon petit coin dans une Mission, où j'irai me blottir quand j'aurai fini mon temps ici. Vous ne me blâmez pas. Mais il d'abord que cette guerre finisse, que les choses se rétablissent, que les Supérieurs me libèrent, et alors...

Saluez bien de ma part les Confrères et les Bonnes Sœurs.

Merci de vos souhaits de Bonne Année. Vous avez eu les miens, sinon formels et par écrit, du moins exprimés dans mes prières, et souvent renouvelés depuis. God bless you.

Priez plus que jamais pour

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.

From:--G.E. BERGEMON, S.M.,

To:--Rev. John H. Rodgers, S.M.,
Meleke,
Nukualofa,
Tonga.

Mar. 2, 1943.

Dear Father Rodgers,

I thank you for your nice letter of Dec. 30, received here on the 12th Feb. Many things in it interested me keenly: your fine missionary spirit, that aims you deep into your appointed work; your significant success with the Gallaga, which is a very important department in the Division of Tonga, but which makes such demands on the principal; and the high percentage of passes in the exams last year. I know very well the boys' names, Leoping and Sailoga. More power to them. Congratulations to you.

While I agree entirely with page two of your letter,--principals, reasoning and conclusion,--yet I may not for several reasons just now grant your request. First, those four Fathers you mention as available from N.E. also were no longer so when you wrote. Unwilling to leave them any longer in suspense, I had already assigned them to needy Samoa and Fiji,--also for the duration. Second, Father L'Etange, so far as I know, has not applied for the "vacancy". He is now Assistant to Fr. Joffe, at Maryvale, next door to us here at the Monastery. It is really too bad, for I am sure he would do excellently. Further, I am bound to respect the known will of the Superior General, and I know, for he told us "viva voce", that he never gives a Missionary to a Bishop specifying a work or ministry in which he must be employed, that is for the Bishop to decide. He may recommend the new Missionary for some special work for which he seems peculiarly fitted, but no more. That is precisely what I did when I asked Bishop Blanc would he accept you. Again, Fr. Kormann is now well again, thank God, and can fill a place--the place of the Assistant that His Lordship may give you. If such a combination could fill the bill, it might tide you over the present difficulty until the war is over and we can do better.

This is not wholly satisfying, I feel, but I hope you will understand the situation as I must see it, especially after the appointment of our four N.E. Missionaries.

I heartily appreciate your good wishes and sincerely reciprocate them. God bless you.

Do write again to

Yours devotedly in J. M. J.,

G.E. BERGEMON, S.M.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship Most Rev.
E. Brosson, S.M.,

NOUMEA,
New Caledonia.

3 mars, 1943.

Monseigneur,

Il n'y a plus de régularité dans les courriers, c'est vrai; mais n'empêche que j'ai écrit avec honte que je vous ai négligé. J'en ai eu tant à écrire vos lettres, depuis la mi-décembre, quand les événements ont commencé à se précipiter dans nos Salomon, et tant de démarches à faire pour nos réfugiés et évacués, -- pour les recevoir, les accueillir, les placer, les occuper -- que je me suis "écarté" un peu. Votre lettre de 9 jan. arrivée hier m'a ramené au fait -- il y a plus de trois mois que je ne vous ai écrit. Pardon de cet oubli. Je vais essayer de faire et amener les événements à jour.

Oui, votre lettre du 14 nov., avec les C.A. nos. 9, 10 et 11, est arrivée à bon port, le 21 dec. Il semble, d'ailleurs, qu'il y ait une (M.C.A., le no. 102). Ces feuilles sont très intéressantes parce qu'elles donnent suite aux changements et autres événements de votre "Mille Mission". Les "œuvres" aussi les tiennent à jour. La dernière, surtout, donnant les placements de leurs compagnons de voyage, les "Mille" intéressés.

La mauvaise nouvelle que vous me donnez de M. Baillieux m'a plutôt peine qu'étonne: il avait dans le monde des idées d'une dépression de ce genre un peu après les événements de Malaita, étant encore aux Hébrides. Il ne sera jamais plus le même en avant. Il faudra toujours qu'il se ménage: car toute fatigue excessive finira par tomber sur le système nerveux, -- d'où le danger. Les événements de son cas n'est pas trop sévère, qu'il soit encore et distrait. Tant qu'il se maîtrisera ainsi, il conjurera la mal.

Les communications avec M. Aubin commencent à se rétablir. Vous êtes mieux placé que nous pour l'aider. M. Halbert aussi. Celui-ci, en effet, m'écrit M. Aubin, lui a envoyé deux rochers, une mitre, une moquette violette et un pontifical, qui sont arrivés. Nous lui faisons confection d'une soutane violette, une mantellette et une barrette. L'Office du Gouvernement des S.M. ici nous aide beaucoup à transmettre le courrier depuis que la voie est libre jusqu'à Malaita et même à expédier des choses nécessaires. Vous m'avez donné à M. Aubin les nouvelles de son personnel qui est dans votre Vicariat, nous tâcherons de compléter le tableau pour ce qui est de l'Australie et de la Nouvelle Zélande.

Pour les Salomon du Sud, le pire est passé, semble-t-il. Dieu merci. Maintenant, que va-t-il arriver chez M. Ade? L'autorité des Soeurs (10 S.M. SM. et 4 St. Joseph) est à leur place. Les autres (L'Orléans et l'Ilot) ont été évacués, car ils sont bien exposés. Je ne puis en dire plus.

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Avez-vous su que nous avons un nouveau Père Assistant-General? C'est le P. Joseph van Benthem, qui était Supérieur à Hulst. Le nouvel Assistant devait se rendre à Rome. Vais-à-t-il ou le faire?

1943. Année de votre Centenaire. Vous avez déjà proclamé un beau programme spirituel pour le célébrer. Si cette guerre pouvait bien se terminer, nous pourrions organiser certains événements en harmonie avec les circonstances. Je n'étais pas la pallier de faire coïncider ma visite prévue la avec ses fêtes. Mais j'en ai fait la même chose pour Rome, l'année dernière, et rien n'a été possible. Je ne joins de tout cœur à vos sentiments, et bien exprimés dans votre C.A.N.C. 195. Je réponds à tout ce que vous me dites et si belle Mission de la Ville Calédonaise non seulement vous avez été dans la paix; elle finit son premier cycle la tourmente de la guerre mondiale; que l'esprit des premiers missionnaires revivait dans nos Pères, Frères et Sœurs d'ici, dans la vallée; que la semence d'un siècle se lève de plus en plus abondamment avec le progrès des ans; que nombreux soient les saints parmi les chrétiens et parmi leurs fidèles à mesure que la Foi agit plus puissamment chez les uns comme chez les autres. Je vous fais, tout de suite, Monseigneur, comme Pasteur de cette chrétienté de la Ville Calédonaise, mes félicitations et mes meilleurs souhaits, à l'occasion de votre Centenaire. J'unis mes prières aux vôtres pour obtenir de Dieu et de notre Bonne Mère ce que vous désirez le plus ardemment pour votre Vicariat et son personnel.

Agreez, Monseigneur, l'expression de mon profond respect, et veuillez me croire,

Votre tout dévoué en J.H.S.,

G. E. B. G. E. B.

P.S.--Le P. Perennes nous dit qu'il est devenu impossible de communiquer avec le personnel de la Maison-Mère: les lettres reviennent toutes.

G.E.B.

From:--G.E. Berferon, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Villa,
M.H.

3 Mars, 1943.

Monsieur,

Il n'y a plus guère de nouvelles dans les courriers, et on ne les annonce pas d'ordinaire, c'est vrai; mais n'empêche que subitement le dimanche avec vous je vous ai négligé. J'en ai tant écrit, des lettres, mais la vie est si courte, quand les événements ont été si vite, et si vite, et si vite, et tant de de arches à faire pour nos réfugiés et pour nous, pour les recevoir, les habiller, les alimenter, les soigner, et puis "écarter" un peu la conscience de main en main au fait, et il y a plus de trois mois que je ne vous ai écrit. J'ai été vraiment triste, et je vous en demande pardon. Je suis venu regarder ces faits et amener les événements à jour.

J'ai vos deux lettres du 27 oct. et du 10 nov. 1942, et celle du 16 dec. reçue ici le 3 jan. Ici je vous envoie la lettre.

Vous êtes mieux placé que nous actuellement pour nous occuper avec Mr. Aubin; quoique la chose nous soit devenue très difficile en passant par le Bureau de l'Immigration des U.S.A., établi à Sydney. Nous pouvons envoyer des lettres et recommander des provisions et autres choses nécessaires. C'est déjà beaucoup. Mais, en fait, il semble maintenant que les circonstances nous aient fait passer de ne pouvoir que s'améliorer. Inutile de vous donner des nouvelles de la: vous les avez toutes. Mais il vous intéressera peut-être de savoir quelque chose du personnel de cette mission en Australie et en Nlle Zélande. Les PP. Braggins, van Houtte, van der Kolk, et P. Coicard et de Theye sont employés dans le diocèse de Port Phillip (le P. Coicard seulement par intérim). Les PP. J. Coicard, van Houtte, Seanlon sont en Nlle Zélande. Trois des Freres sont ici, et deux en encore au-delà du Tagman. Trois Sœurs ici, et trois en Nlle Zélande.

Depuis il y a eu une troisième évacuation--celle du Vicariat du Nord: 10 Sœurs SM. 4 de St. Joseph, et deux de St. (Allotie et Morel). Les quatre de St. Joseph sont déjà arrivées chez elles à Orange, Cal. Les deux Peres viendront ici par la première x de saison favorable. J'espère que les Sœurs trouveront un gîte vraiment en Nlle Zélande, car il n'y aura guère de place pour elles à Villa Maria. Cependant Mère M. Rosa a su faire de la place, et n'a refusé personne. Elle a réussi à placer des Sœurs un peu partout dans les hôpitaux, dans les convents, où elles suivent des cours de gardes-malades ou d'infirmières, se préparant pour l'avenir d'après-guerre, et faisant de la place au Convent pour d'autres événements possibles. Car que va-t-il se passer encore aux Salomon du Nord? Tout est à craindre. Jusqu'ici point de fatalité; mais beaucoup de misère, et manque de toutes choses. Et comment leur faire parvenir le nécessaire? C'est le problème ~~pour~~ lequel nous nous employons actuellement, --sans en voir encore la solution.

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Votre petite Soeur M. Cyrille est bien, ou à peu près. Nous allons la laisser partir, quand les circonstances (non pas sa santé) ont changé la face des choses. J'ai dû se ordonner qu'elle reste. Depuis qu'elle est mieux, elle a aussi bien meilleur esprit. C'est-à-dire, qu'elle est mieux; avant elle souffrait trop, surtout des nerfs, pour être patiente. Oh, la Soeur n'est pas encore très forte, mais avec un petit travail pour lui occuper l'esprit, et un repos bien amoué, elle pourra passer la crise de s'habituer à sa nouvelle situation de moyenne résistance qui dure.

M. P. Presson vient de me dire que le P. Guillaume est malade. Il aurait, mais à un degré bien atténué, la mal de P. Chai. Évidemment il est placé à St. Louis, où il a beaucoup de mal de travail et même un peu de ministère. Tant que cela durera, il pourra peut-être le dessus; mais il ne semble pas qu'il ne sera jamais plus ce qu'il a été avant son malheur. Cela explique son silence à votre égard.

Nous avons eu que la petite Soeur M. Cyrille est malade. Ce que les nerfs peuvent faire à l'imagination, et l'imagination au corps et à l'âme. Cependant, tant que cela dure et que quel qu'un n'a pas trouvé le remède, que de peine il faut, et que de patience, et que de patience de la part des autres. Une seule doit être la ciel de bien des manières; et qui ont le ciel de la terre, le monde en même temps; les malades et les bien-portants, etc. Vivons les hommes de terre de chez nous.

Je suis content que vous ayez, enfin, les facilités de pouvoir que vous desiriez, ou des équivalentes. Je ne suis ni des excellentes le Délégué apostolique a cablé la demande faite en votre nom au milieu de l'année dernière; et n'a pas été reçu lui-même, et ce qu'il attendait; toujours est-il qu'il ne s'est pas vu. En-dessus vous me dites avoir ce qu'il vous faut, mais certain, car il ne me souriait pas d'avoir à renouveler la demande à son Excellence.

Nous avons un Assistant-Général, remplacé par le R. P. Boncompagni, c'est le R. P. Joseph van Benthem, Supérieur d'Hubert. Le R. P. Boncompagni se rendra à Rome. A-t-il eu le temps de le faire? Car, comme vous le dites, les nerfs semblent être bloqués "de chez à bloc", car le P. Perrennes disait dans une lettre reçue hier (ici) que toutes communications avec la Maison-Mère semblent bloquées: toutes leurs lettres leur reviennent. Quel isolement pénible pour notre Très-Ser. Père.

Agreez, Monseigneur, l'expression de mon profond respect, et veuillez me croire, en union de prières.

Votre tout dévoué en J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron,S.M.,

To:--Very Rev.V.Geaney,S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington,
N.Z.

Mar.5,1943.

Dear Father Geaney,

Brother Michael got here all right, but by very roundabout ways, which I may not divulge, I fear. He is now gone north to see his mother, pay a visit to the Confreres, call at Lismore, before settling down to work. He thought he looked very fit.

Brother George has just written to me a full description of his several ailments since his return from the Solomons. He is not quite well yet, he says, though he has taken up Peter's position at Greensandow, which he finds "most interesting and agreeable". Father Brugmans told me that he wanted to stay in N.Z., and reading between the lines of his letter, I seem to gather as much, though he does not come out with it, and protests his willingness to comply with my request to come over. Now, I do not want to force the poor old Brother to anything that would cause him moral or physical pain, and knowing your willingness to look after him for even the duration, I am answering him to-day that he may remain in N.Z., and stay you until such time as you and I agree that he had better come here.

Mrs. Allotte and Morel, I had read from a letter I received from Bishop Wade, have instructions in and information which are meant for the Apostolic Delegate and me, and in consequence His Excellency has ordered me to call them over "ex officio". Which I did some days ago. They may have tried to look across to Sydney, but could not succeed, as business across the Tamar was hard to obtain. They may have better luck one of these days.

I smiled about your "bit of straight talk" advised in regard of somebody. It has been tried, and by many, and by some running high. And it produced no good of sort. I'll say no more, though I could write a volume.

I thank you for your kind assistance given, as in matters that depended on Mr. McKenzie, the Australian Trade Commissioner, and Captain Olding, the U.S. Naval Attaché, in N.Z. Should there again occur contingencies when recourse is to be had to them, kindly let me know. One such contingency may be the ways and means of getting necessary provisions to Port Moresby. But of this more fully later, if feasible from your end, when we have gone into the matter with Mrs. Allotte and Morel.

According to Bro. George there is no improvement in Fr. McMahon's state of health. Poor man. I pray that he may get back his moral courage: it could only help him to react against the dread disease and perhaps to recover completely.

With good wishes and kind regards,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. Brother George, S.M.,
Mount St. Mary's,
Greenmeadows, N.Z.

Mar. 5, 1943.

Dear Brother George,

I received your letter yesterday, and I thank you for all the news on five in it. All is not so good, especially as regards your health. I am sorry to learn that; for though you had been unwell after your arrival in N.Z., I thought that by this time you had quite recovered. Well, do not worry about hurrying your trip across as long as you need medical care. I have this day written to Very Rev. Father Canney that you are to stay over there, at his disposal, until you are well and he and I agree that you ought to report here. I hope N.Z. climate will be favourable to you, as the company is sure to be congenial, and in these circumstances you will soon overcome the several troubles that have assailed you since your terrible ordeal on Guadalcanal and the consequent evacuation.

We are all well here, thank God. Villa Maria soon on her feet! --I can say this with my tongue in my cheek--working day. You should be here some days and hear the telephone ring, and the doorbell jingle, and the hum in the parlors, --visitors, relatives of missionaries avid for news, and newspaper men in search of a story... no Villa Maria some days is not at all quiet times have changed. Fathers Bragmans, de Thove, van de Velle and van Houten are doing work in the Diocese. Fr. J. Coicam is learning to weave. Brothers Robert and John are busy about the house and grounds, which have taken on a very much sadder aspect, and promise to rival the Botanical garden and the Governor's Palace--in time, of course.

Pray for those who have been left behind, both in rear Mission and in the other Solomons. Pray for us who have many worries about them and leave no stone unturned to find ways and means to coming to their help.

Let me hear again from you.

I am, Dear Brother,

Yours devotedly in J.E.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G. H. Neverson, R.M.,

To:--Miss Germaine DeFranco,
c o/ Mrs. Hawkins,
Glen Head,
Long Island,
N.Y., U.S.A.

Mar. 17, 1945.

Et vous, tâchez de vous bien porter toujours, en faisant tout le bien que votre position permet de faire. Dieu vous bénisse aussi, et la Bonne Sainte Vierge vous protège, comme elle par le monde. Merci de v's bons souhaits de Noël. En retour recevez les miens, pas moins sincères.

Derivez-moi encore, -- sans attendre de nouveau 17 ans: autrement
je n'y serais peut-être plus pour recevoir votre lettre.

Votre de tout coeur en J.H.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S. M.

Department of the Interior,
Canberra, A.C.T.

Mar. 17, 1943.

Reply to
No. 43/2/119.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks your favour of the 11th March, informing that approval has been given for the admission into Australia of Fathers Francis Allotte and Aimé (Augustus) Lorel, French Nationals, and that the Australian Trade Commissioner in New Zealand and the Customs Authorities at Sydney have been advised accordingly.

I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the
Pacific.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J.M. Grove, S.M.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Mar. 15, 1943.

Dear Father Grove,

I got your letter of the 28th Jan. and the copy of your Circular to the others of your Mission. But it is not so long since they reached me; so I do not feel that I have yet been remiss in acknowledging them and in thanking you. Your high position is no vindictive, I gather from both the above documents. I know how hard it is to make up, even the best of them. I hope the arrival of the new Fathers from New Zealand will help very much in the changes you were obliged to make, as per your Circular, to cover the necessary removal. I fully agree, in quantum possum, the transfer of Fr. Cockell. One has to be firm in such cases. And I am glad that he took the measure so well. That speaks well in his favor, and may be remedied. Some his location being that every man should be left forever in the same station and accept the very idea of a change,--which, however, is demanded at least for organized countries by our Constitutions. Dear Fr. Frisot's case proved the contrary, and the wisdom of our Rule. The Pater is model missionary in almost all respects, but he fell into a rut--of mind and action. He will find it hard to adapt himself to new surroundings and conditions, another bad effect of long ministry in the one station; then all will be for the best.

We are all well, as ever, here. The four Dutch Fathers, exiles from the So. Solomons are doing duty--as there as Chaplain of the Marist Sisters, Hittagong; Fr. Bruggmans as Assistant at Grogdon; Fr. van Houte as Assistant at Erskineville; and Fr. van de Velle as Assistant at the Cathedral, for the time being. Bros. Michael, John and Robert are here with us. We expect more from across the Tasman, as soon as they can book passage across. Mgr. Aubin is always in Malaita Is. Let us hope that his troubles from the Japanese are over, and that pretty soon he will begin to refit his Mission. I am sending him a set of Breviaries and giving some items of his Episcopal wardrobe replaced. His personnel, like his things, is scattered all over the place--New Caledonia, New Zealand and here,--but he has still a handful of Fathers with him, and it is to be hoped that they can keep things in order there until the whole contingent is re-assembled after the war. I shall let His Lordship know that you have not forgotten him and his Mission in your prayers. My sincere good wishes and humble prayers are for you too.

Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Mar. 11, 1911.

Dear Miss Agassiz,

If my last letter was not sent, but I am obliged to return to you your letter and the attention you asked me to direct to it. I am sorry that I cannot do so. They and I are enormously over-worked, and in consequence cannot for months to come attend to any further business.

I hope you will understand my regret at this. I feel in having to do this. I am, however, very sorry that God grant you good luck and success.

Yours very truly,
John Agassiz

From:--C. J. ...

To:--Rev. Frs. Alloué & Carol, S.J.,
Catholic Rectory,
Mount Albert,
Auckland, N.Z.

Apr. 14, 1948.

Dear Frs. Alloué & Carol,
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the proposed visit of the Rev. Fr. ... to the ...
The ... of the ... is ...
I am sure that the ... will be ...
Yours faithfully,
C. J. ...

Yours faithfully,
C. J. ...

P.S. - J'ai appris de source certaine que le Délégué Apostolique a rédigé un formulaire uniforme de facultés qui seront données à tous les évêques de Québec. Il doit l'expédier à tous les Evêques incessamment.

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To:--Mr. Lordship
West Park, J. Barnard, A.M.,
Apia,
Western Samoa.

My dear Sir,

As to the matter of the letter which I received from you on the 25th inst., I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I am sure that you will be able to get over this little ailment and that you will be able to return to your duties in due season. I am sure that you will be able to get over this little ailment and that you will be able to return to your duties in due season.

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With very best wishes to you and to all your family, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. E. BERGERON S.M.

G. E. BERGERON S.M.

From: *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1963, 185: 1000

Shaw, George C.,
Rushmore Hotel,
The Challenge, N.Y.,
Spring.

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Mr. C. C. C. C. C.
McPherson's Co., Ltd.,
51 Bathurst St.,
Sydney.

A. C. C. C. C.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

Haydon & Lochrin, Solicitors,
Feltex House,
261 George St.,
Sydney.

Apr. 11, 1944.

Dear Sirs,

re. RECEIVED at the Office of the Registrar

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing cheque for £ 200.00. The same has been forwarded to the Bank of New South Wales for payment and the receipt of the Bank is enclosed herewith for Haydon.

By special arrangement to enable the same to be paid in the ensuing three months the £ 200.00 will be paid in three instalments of £ 66.66 2/3 each.

Enclosed please find receipt.

Yours faithfully,

From:--G. H. Bergeon, M.A.,
Villa Maria,
Bunior's Hill,
Sydney.
Mar. 13, 1943.

To:--Rev. F. Gurney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Dear Father Gurney,

Your letter of the 24th sets forth the great difficulties you have had to overcome to obtain passage to Australia for our Fathers and Brothers, which difficulties seem to grow greater with time. I did not know it was so hard. I realize what you have so far done for us, and again thank you for it. My main reason for insisting being along to meet you for possible new arrivals from the islands and the desire to arrange as much of the burden of responsibility for the evacuation as we could.

In the light of your letter of the 24th I have taken the following decisions. Father and I may stay here, as Fr. Blatter can speak for him to whom it may concern about the evacuation of their evacuation and such instructions as to what they can do, when he gets here. To relieve you of further worries, I am sending Fr. van Nechelen and Fr. Gerard, let them remain in P.O. and use them. To do not insist, in the circumstances, on their coming over to Australia. The case of Fr. de la Cruz and Fr. de la Cruz seem settled for the present. I am glad that both are receiving proper treatment and that both seem to be doing as well as possible. May they last improve and eventually recover.

There is something I did not understand in your letter about the three missionaries to P.O., i.e., "The other three are to be in Greve till those who came from there have returned and then they will be some time yet." We are wondering here who they are and where they are from there". Until you can get their names, you are welcome to let them without saying, in employing them, you are welcome to let them, but the fourth got away to Bishop Burnard, and the last will be with them here and hopeful.

No further news from the North Solomons.

With sincere good wishes for a happy Easter,

Yours faithfully in J.H.S.,

P.S.--

G. H. BERGEON, M.A.

Received your letter of the 15th, Mar. also, which found under above. But I wish to convey to you and your Province my deep sympathy for the loss of dear Fr. Burger, M.I.P.

Thanks for Captain Olding's letter which you forwarded to me.

To:--Rev. Brother Chanel, S.M.,
Highden,
Palmerston North,
N.Z.

From:--G. F. Bergeron, M. A.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.
Apr. 13, 1943.

Dear Brother Chanel,

I got your letter yesterday, and it was very welcome. You show the right spirit in it and in the request you make to come over to Australia pending your departure for the Islands.

It is really too bad that circumstances do not favor all the good schemes we would carry out in so real time. Good Fr. Leary has had such a terrible lot of difficulties to get matters over for the recent advances from the Islands, and now we would burden him further in pursuance of your plans. I have just written to Fr. Seaneay to tell him that since it seems so hard to get more come over to keep in N.Z. and employ them there all the missionary Fathers and Brothers, except Fr. J. Collins and others, for whom passage has been secured. Brother Gerard is there too to stay with you yet a while. Go on with your studies of the whole scheme. It may prove useful, though we do not know in which group of Islands you will be sent to. When the war is over, your Government will be able to send the Very Rev. Superior General. In the meantime keep in touch with me and learn what may be useful to you out there, and what the conditions that gave you your formation and your vocation your own as a contribution by the generous fulfillment of my duties to the world.

For as some of your work and way of life may be of great value for the safety of all our missionaries.

With all good wishes for a happy Easter to you and Fr. Gerard,

Yours sincerely in J. F. J.,

G. F. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Sister M. Henriette, S.M.,
48 Aurora Terrace,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--C. J. Bergeron, F.L.S.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

April 13, 1943.

Chère Sœur M. Henriette,

Voilà de votre bonne lettre du 7 fév., qui vient de m'arriver, après deux mois. J'ai déjà eu l'occasion de vous féliciter, par vos courriers, de votre heureuse aventure. Hélas, que n'étes-vous pas tout de suite revenue. Mais on devons pas cesser de prier pour vous et celles qui sont encore exposées aux plus grands dangers.

Le P. Allotté doit nous arriver incessamment; mais je prie que le P. Orel restera en N.Z. le premier à nous donner les renseignements certains de l'expédition. Les détails de l'expédition de missionnaires de chez vous, les on s'en souviennent par des lettres qui ont été fournies à M. de la Roche, par le moyen de son frère, M. de la Roche, qui ont bien l'air d'être. Cela ne peut être que la confirmation de ce que j'ai n'y aurait que du vin de l'eau à l'endroit de la mission.

Tout le monde est bien ici et on attend avec impatience le retour de la vie missionnaire à l'étranger.

A vous et à toutes les sœurs de la mission de l'étranger, je vous souhaite d'heureuses nouvelles. Et n'oubliez pas

Votre tout dévoué C. J. Bergeron, F.L.S.,

C. J. Bergeron, F.L.S.

To:--Rev. B. McDiarmid, S.M.,
C/o Marist Brothers,
Tasman St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G. E. Cameron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Aus. 12, 1941.

Dear Father McDiarmid,

Your letter of the 18th Feb., which was most welcome when it got here, took a whole month to cross the Tasman. I mention this to alert your eye, at my suspected negligence of my correspondence. Air mail seems to be only prompt and reliable way just now.

I am glad to note that your spirit is S.M., even in disappointment and delay. But that leaves all the pleasure still before you. By now you are two to the tower the wall of your vision. So bear up.

Regarding what you mention about your expenses on your trip, I hope you had enough "missionary" gifts to cover them, as they were really made "missionary" and not "personal" in the intention of the donors. As for gifts given with a mission, missionary or private, they must be employed within the scope of that mission. Let your conscience be as well as I do.

Consult and do for the best in money matters. There should be a means to obtaining full value for S.M. S.M. is known as the Pijian. Remember, however, that Pijian money is not reliable when S.M. currency, and the amount you should receive should be less; but in fact it would probably more, as the balance I would advise, nevertheless, to leave as much of your money in S.M., in the hands of "reliable" others, -- I mean you must not let it or mislay the money, and able at any time to give it to the people to get you the things you need to buy. I should be glad to hear of Fr. John's progress.

There is a heap of truth in what you say about "missionary" letters, mission-minded folks at home, etc. The mission is left to themselves because they are fully and fervently in love with themselves. See that you do not join the deluged letter.

Tell, let me hear from you now and then.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely in S.M.,

G. E. CAMERON, S.M.

Figure 1. *Phylogenetic tree of the studied species.*

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Votre tout dévoué en J., J., J.,

G. E. HARRISON, JR.

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To:-- Mr. J. Santolo, J.M.,
Bureau of
Air India,
Bangalore.

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G. E. BERGSTRÖM, N. H.

May 1, 1963.

Governor and Board of Education,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of April 24, 1963, regarding the proposed changes in the curriculum of the State Board of Education. I am very sorry that I am unable to give you a more definitive answer at this time. The necessary changes in the curriculum are being studied and will be reported to you in the near future.

The Board of Education is very interested in the proposed changes and is working to ensure that the curriculum is of the highest quality. I am sure that you will understand the need for this study and the time required to complete it.

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Very truly yours,
Governor of the State of New York

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To:--Rev. C. F. Becker, S. N.,

To:--Rev. C. F. Becker, S. N.,
"Maryvale" Seminary,
Portland, Me.,
U.S.A.

May 1, 1904.

Dear Father & Mother,

I shall cherish the memory of your visit to the "Solomons" which was very pleasant and profitable to me and all concerned in the mission. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon.

I had read with interest the account of the visit of the "Solomons" which was very pleasant and profitable to me and all concerned in the mission. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon.

Although I have never seen you, I have heard much of you from the Rev. Mr. C. F. Becker, S. N., who has been very kind to me. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon.

My father & mother are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon.

I have received a letter from you and am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon. I am glad to hear that you are well and hope that you will be able to visit us again soon.

With greetings to the Father at "Maryvale" and to the Sisters.

Yours affectionately in S. N.,

C. F. BECKER, S. N.

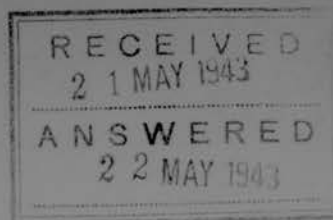
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

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Sydney, Australia May 20, 1943.

Dear Father Bergeron,

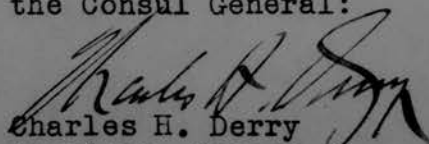
The Consulate General has just received from the Department of State, Washington, an airgram of April 29th reading as follows:

"In telegram received April 11, 1942 by Provincial Superior of Marist Fathers at Washington, Father Bergeron stated that he had been informed officially that Bishop Wade and Fathers Hennessy and Conley were held by Japanese authorities at Rabaul. Please ask Father Bergeron for clarification, including source of information, and report by airgram for possible assistance in ascertaining present welfare and whereabouts of persons concerned."

I have been under the impression that Bishop Wade was one of those who were rescued recently, very largely as the result of the exertions and the heroism of Father Lebel, as described in a certain confidential document which came to my attention some weeks ago. However, it was not entirely clear from that document that Bishop Wade was actually among those comprising that particular group, and no mention was made of Fathers Hennessy and Conley. Would you drop me a line, or ring me on the telephone whenever you find it convenient, so that I may make an appropriate reply to the airgram quoted above?

Very truly yours,

For the Consul General:


Charles H. Derry
American Consul

Father G. E. Bergeron,
Marist Mission House,
Mary Street,
Hunters Hill.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

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3)--I have learned from eyewitness, the first, of Dec. 31, 1943, that Bishop Tade had never been a prisoner; but that he was in grave danger, as he had had much to do with the first persecution. On the other hand, it seems quite clear from the same source of information, namely, the eyewitness, that Fr. Ramsey is definitely a prisoner, but no one knows where he is, as he is reported to have been taken away aboard a Japanese ship of war. Father Grogan is also said to have been made a prisoner, but probably not taken away from the Colonel.

4)--On May the 5th, 1943 I received the following letter from the Office of the Government of the United States, Bureau of Protection, Sydney:--

Reverend Father,

I have the honor to inform you that telegraphic advice has been received from the President Commissioner in the United States to the effect that the following Missionaries, Fathers Sullivan, and Fluch, have arrived safely at Suva, and will proceed to the Colon by earliest opportunity.

Bishop Tade.

Fathers Sullivan, Fluch, and Fluch.

Brothers Henry, and Paul.

I have the honor....

(Signature)

Officer in Charge of the Bureau.

To Very Rev. C. E. Ferrer, M.,
Provincial of the Society of Jesus,

Santa Cruz,

Spain.

You will notice that neither Fr. Ramsey nor Fr. Grogan are mentioned. Fr. Lebel, however, is in the group. We are expecting Bishop Tade, therefore, and his above-mentioned Missionaries any day now.

I hope that the above information supplies the particulars you needed for your reply to Washington.

If further details concerning the incarceration in your jurisdiction are ever required I shall consider it a privilege to furnish same to you to the best of my ability.

I have the honor to be,

Fr. Consul General,

Yours faithfully,

PROVINCIAL OF THE MARIST MISSIONS.

July 12, 1902.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Wilber,

Dear Sir,

the Parish Mission and in my own mind I wish to convey to you
and to all the Missionaries of the Society my sincere
sorrow in the loss you have just had in the death of the
Most Rev. Fisher Bick.

He had always been exceedingly kind to me and I hope that
he befriended all our Missionaries, especially our English
ones. I shall notify Mr. Fisher's death to our friends in
where there are any, I am sure, he will leave a great void
for a personal loss of an old friend. I am,

I am, Dear Father,

Yours devotedly in F. M. S.,

Provincial of the Parish Mission.

Mr. McDonald & Co., Solicitors,
115 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

17/11/1904.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge
your favour of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that
the Committee have not yet decided.

Through your good offices I have been enabled to
will have my request in relation to the proposed
amendment of the Bill, which I have now forwarded to
the Board and will be glad to hear of the result in
regard to our proposal.

Concerning the Bill, I have been informed that
I regret that I have not the pleasure of meeting you and
were transferred to the Board of the proposed
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Rev. J. J. Scott, F.R.S., Secretary, Sydney, 11/11/1904.
relating to the Bill, I have been informed that
readily let you have them for the purpose of the Bill.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

From:--G. B. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. J. Boudard, S.M.,
Sautou, 42 Heights Rd., N.E.,
Wellington, N.B.

May 21, 1943.

Dear Father Boudard,

I have your two letters of the 18th and 22nd April to answer,--one was in French and the other in your adopted tongue, and this last one was the worst of all. Did you write it all yourself, or did you wish to entrench upon Vol. I am sure your Confere D. Giesend would not do as well. He is all on fire just now--but for how long?--in lower Canada. This last week he was collecting all the missionaries in the house, comparing them and the missions they respectively gave to Canada. A University Professor would not have been more thorough or more critical. If you speak to him in French, he cannot be misled. He insists in on the radio, to get the word to--and the Lord knows it is bad enough there; he is going to get a letter of his own, to have it going all day in his room. But I have concluded that it must not disturb me who am right enough. I will have to reduce the tone and get surer. Well, all the while, he has until he gets tired of it and turns to something else, but he is so zealously and just as fruitlessly. How does he intend to start life anew and in a new language. He should have given the matter his thoughts and efforts about thirty years ago.

I am glad to know that you are well and I am glad to hear in packing and unpacking your few letters, as you are going back to follow. I thank you for the news you have brought of Vol. I and Pro. George. Thank God, they are both I hope well. They will be all well again and find new joy in life. The world of missions. It begins to look as if it will not be long before some Fathers are required to go back to the missions. I think your Bishop is already working that way. He may insist, and we and means may be found of complying with his request, and it will then be a question of who to send out there first. The Provincial Council will decide that when the time comes, and travelling is safer up that way.

I cannot get to the bottom of the de Clerk affair--everybody hints at awful things, and no one gives details. I question this one and that one, and all plead ignorance of details. There was a certain letter written by him, which you saw, which Fr. van Pechelen translated, which Fr. de Thoye, to whom it was mailed received, but I cannot get it or a copy of it:--it was destroyed... Of course I collected a great many bits and then collated them, and arrived at something rather worse than otherwise; but not at the whole story. I may admire in most a wonderful esprit de corps but why the harassing hints? It will all out some day, and I hope and pray that by that time all will have been mended.

Write to me again and give me such news as you can rather about our sick Conferees. All here are well.

Devotedly yours in J. C. G. B. BERGERON, S.M.

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To:--His Lordship,
Mont Rev. J. L. Aubin, S. J.,
Ruma, Malaita Is.,
Solomon Is.

sidero qu'il y a des Missionnaires dans chaque Ile, il en est a peu pres dans ces termes: Mais il y en a partout. On les voit partout au moment. J'ai bien un contact l'attendant avec les Missionnaires. Mais il sera il est tout autre chose de ce que vous savez dans de nos; il nous rendra meilleur service que de nous aller chercher.

4)--Un de vos Peres arrivait de l'Isle, l'attendant dans le port, dit: "Quand au retour des Peres? Le m'a dit: arrive le lendemain de l'après-midi. Il y en a encore des jours de l'année." Le Pere, cependant, ne faisait aucune allusion à l'Isle; il ne disait rien de l'Isle, ne venait dans une lettre, en passant, au sujet de l'Isle. Le message est dit à l'Isle.

5)--Nous te dirons certainement que si tu n'as rien de l'Isle, après avoir insisté à l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Leur Mission, les voir arriver de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle.

6)--Il paraît certainement que le message est dit à l'Isle. Jacques avait l'air de dire de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Il ne paraît pas qu'il soit arrivé de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Il semblerait l'arriver de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Il paraît en route.

Le message est dit à l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Situation à l'Isle.

Vous avez du apprendre que Mr. William, l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Vision des Missionnaires: le message est dit à l'Isle. 220,000 pour votre Mission, le message est dit à l'Isle. Les Missionnaires pour l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Deux familles qui ont été à l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Dans votre Mission, le message est dit à l'Isle. Va se relever plus belle encore au moment, le message est dit à l'Isle. Faire une suggestion: le message est dit à l'Isle. Il serait sage de réserver les terres de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Arrangements de bâtiments sur les terres de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Anciennes installations, et faire en sorte que l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Partie de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. tion.

Depuis le 4 mai, on le Missionnaire l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Mr. Waco et dix Missionnaires étaient arrivés à l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Rien rien de nulle part. Je ne demande en l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. Qu'ils sont en l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. J'ai donc toujours. Plaise à Dieu que rien de l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. arrive.

Croyez bien, l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. prières vous accompagnent. Votre Femme l'Isle, le message est dit à l'Isle. vos vaillants Missionnaires. Offrez à Dieu pour nous un peu de vos prières.

Je demeure de Votre Grandeur,

Le tout devoue en J.M.I.,

Tout votre monde.
va bien ou mieux.

G.E. WILSON, J.M.I.

From:--G. F. Bagnard, M. P.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. G. Freeman, M. P.,
Bousson,
New Caledonia.

June, 1901.

Conseillerneur,

La lettre de 12 avril est venue, in-
teressante dans cette que vous avez eu l'air d'être de l'indignation à
la même époque sont les arrivées de la lettre de la même époque
de chaleureusement, portant de l'indignation de la même époque
d'être avec vous pour les faire en même temps de la même époque
la retraite des missionnaires, et il est de la même époque de la même époque
rien tant à cœur que de ne pas se laisser aller à la même époque de la même époque
citer, vous et vos amis, de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
Société de Paris et d'y répondre à l'occasion de la même époque de la même époque
paroles de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
travaux pour leur ministère et leur ministère de la même époque de la même époque
cassement d'un second plan, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
Vicariat de la Société et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
œuvre héroïquement accomplie dans le monde, et de la même époque de la même époque
le permettent le même jour, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
vos solennités.

Il y a quelques jours j'avais l'honneur d'être à la
délégation avec vous, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
tion. Visiblement touché et ému, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
elle ne voyait pas la même époque de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
scrire en ce sens. Mais qui sait? et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
la fin de l'année prochaine, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
fêtes nous pourrions avoir. Mais, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
œuvre solennelle et solennelle. Et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
tant-il que la même époque de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
vous il n'y aura pas l'élevation des solennités de la même époque de la même époque
dans la brousse des fidèles de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
aurez toujours votre programme annuel des solennités et du même époque de la même époque
d'un de reconnaissance et de prière.

En lisant votre feuille de 100, j'ai été frappé, et de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
la longue liste de vos solennités. Ces solennités de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
dans leur rôle de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
nature. Il faut qu'ils sachent de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
s'attachant quand il le faut à la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
de toutes les choses qui peuvent attirer: il y a de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
jours s'accroissant, l'accumulation des mêmes choses: il y a de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
imprevis, comme des fièvres qui viennent tout d'un coup de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
contre sur la même époque de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
moi n'est peut-être pas juste--du moins de la même époque de la même époque de la même époque
qui l'avons connu et estimé, prions pour son prochain recouvrement.

J'ai bien passé au 3. de Thèze la lettre qui lui était desti-
née par Votre Grandeur. Elle n'a pas eu l'air de l'impressionner
outre mesure. Tous les Pères Hollandais se mettent à l'anglais,

otre tout devoue en J..J., G. M. BARRERON 15 10

June 6, 1943.

Dear Father de Thero.

Yesterday I was favored by an invitation from Messrs. Gilson to an afternoon tea with him. He had a proposition to make before we separated. I am sure it is.

He likes you and wishes to have you as an assistant, in part because he is leaving his Secretariat, and is joining the General Staff. He thinks you could help him with the legal work he will have with his people.

In reply I told Mr. Gilson that I had no objection to it, but that we have obligations to the United States, and that we are not free to leave daily Mass, and confessions, and such things. He said that these obligations would be waived. I told him that Mr. Tughey had already mentioned to me that he would waive them on you. To this he replied that he had seen Mr. Tughey, and that the Archbishop commented to let his people go. I told him that I have not yet seen Mr. Tughey, and that I do not trust him. I do not trust Mr. Gilson, but I do not trust Mr. Tughey. I do not make sure that his Grace would go to the point.

Doctor Gilson did not seem to desire that I should go to the Sacred Precinct. He said he would provide me with a suitable car for your travels. On the question of money, he said that he would not expect you would be expected to receive anything for your services to them. He offered to make it up to a \$100 from the General Staff, and for your services to them.

I gave him no definite or final answer; I told him that I would give the proposition to you to see what you think of it.

You are to consider yourself entirely free to do as you please about it; for you know best the law and the conditions of the situation to deal with them. Only kindly let me know what your decision is when taken.

We had hoped by now to have Mr. Tughey and his family come and live with us; but we have had no news from them since the 4th of June. We were officially advised that they had been safely landed at Oland and were waiting there the first opportunity to be taken to return to the States. Hence the delay in finalizing your case, as you see. You are not forgotten.

Believe me, dear Father,

Yours devotedly in J. L. J.,

פרופ': ד"ר א. א. גולדמן, י"ד.

To:--Very Rev. J. Cyr, S. J.,
55 Lombello St.,
Boston, Mass.,
U.S.A.

I have been able to send one of the ... similar plan to ... at least for the duration, and three others to ... rather than let them wait too long and miss what and perhaps lose their opportunity for the missions. They are all of their respective orders and are giving relief in Vicarates that had not been able to get their missionaries from Europe.

All the recruited Fathers and Brothers ... around here, ... the ... in a ... country: it would be ... they are used to, ... for them, ... beginning our ... we never get a ... thinner in the tropics, that ... able, especially if the ...

are all well at ...

At the ... so well known to ... three were with an ... ron, all ... variation is ... I can say; but ... contribute their share of ... new concern--"There's always room for ... least six more.

I hope you are keeping well, as ... Province, Give my fraternal greetings to ... St.

Believe me, dear Father,

Yours affectionately ...

...

Messrs. Parry & Tolson, Solicitors, June 16, 1941.
79 Elizabeth St.,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

RE: THE HON. J. J. FISHER, M.P.

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. regarding the present whereabouts of the Hon. J. J. Fisher, M.P., your son-in-law of the late Sir John Fisher, I have to inform you that he was last officially reported to be at Tulare, British Columbia Island, where he is in poor physical health before proceeding to Australia.

You can reach him directly by addressing your communication to the Government of the British Columbia Island, at the Office, 17 Castle Street, Sydney.

Yours faithfully,

For the Hon. J. J. Fisher, M.P.,
Tulare,
c/o Government of the British Columbia Island,
17 Castle Street,
Sydney.

If further information should be required regarding the Hon. J. J. Fisher's movements, I shall be glad to provide it.

Yours faithfully,

June 1, 1962.

Dear Commissioner Gilson,

I want to begin by thanking you for waiting so long to analyze Fr. de Thore's case. As I mentioned in the course of our conversation two weeks ago, I had the impression that Fr. de Thore thought of the arrangement in which he was the most interested party.

His reply is now with me, and I regret to say it is not favorable to the plan proposed. The chief objection is that he would be burdened with two distinct responsibilities. He would not properly care. I am not his point of view. I am sure of it, if you remember, though I am not sure of it.

I advised Fr. de Thore of this situation, and he understands the difficulty of Fr. de Thore's position.

Until something is decided in all cases, I think the good relations with which you have been working with the Fathers that have lived at the monastery. I am sure that Fr. de Thore, or any other, could be placed in the monastery in your ministry in your extended territory of the monastery.

With respectful regards,

I remain, very truly,

Yours sincerely, J. J. J.

June 15, 1941.

Dear Father de Mayo,

Thank you very much for your letter of June 10, 1941, and for the information you gave me regarding the situation of the Sisters of the Holy Family in the United States.

I am glad to hear that the Sisters of the Holy Family are still in the United States, and that they are still working for the good of the souls of the people.

I am also glad to hear that the Sisters of the Holy Family are still in the United States, and that they are still working for the good of the souls of the people. I am sure that they will continue to do so for many years to come.

I am writing to you to express my appreciation for the work that you and the Sisters of the Holy Family are doing.

I am sure that your work is very important, and that it is making a great difference in the lives of the people. I am sure that you are doing a great work for the good of the souls of the people.

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With best wishes,

Yours sincerely, J. J. J.

His Lordship
Most Rev. Edmund Cloonan, C.S.C.,
Bishop of Portland.

June 10, 1967.

My Lord,

I am writing you to advise you that

the following information has been received

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From:--G. A. Berryman, N. Y. N. Y.

To:--Very Rev. F. Cyr, S. J.,
15 Lombella St.,
Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

June 10, 1941.

Dear Father Cyr,

Thanks for your advice of the 27th day that at last last Mr. Dennis will be on his way. I am sure that the young Father will be doubly welcome at your place, where there is now so much to do. The road situation, too, is very bad, like the rest of everything, and--I am sure of it. I am sure I shall be glad to see Mr. Darnand here in the person of a very capable and... Father A. McDonald, and so what with the help of the very capable and... as regards the Catholics in the parish, the Father... at home. All the other Vicararies, and... are clamoring for priests. All the Father... from N. Y. for the duration. Love French is... for the present inevitable, v. s. the... and Balbert.

It is not only in the... demand, the local... evacuated... diocese, and still the dry is... employed relieve the... some ministry or work to do, and are... be invaluable to them later on.

Bishop Wade and his co-adjutors, as... last letter are not yet here. ... official. You will understand, and Bishop... why it is I seem to be so dilatory with news. I... secrecy was strictly then... our closeness to the field of activity, the... ruling, sometimes issued to us... of common sense. So that news may reach you... before you hear from us. It will all... I must beg you to interpret with charity my... notice.

It will be easy to advise both Bishops... wonderful feat again accomplished by our... ing, or we can now communicate with the... soon be here with us. I hear that Mr. Wade is terribly worn down--a shadow of himself, and very worried. He must be built up and cheered up. Poor... he must have suffered. He must still suffer for the thirty-one of his left behind, most of them spinners on the spot. He himself will doubtless get in touch with you and Bishop Cushing as soon as he gets here.

Thanks for that bit of news about Fr. Daly. He is one of the very first Variants I have known, way back in Haverhill, in Fr. Codin's time, when I was serving Mass as a young boy. I shall certainly have him in my prayerful thoughts all these days.

With all good wishes,

Yours fraternally in J. V. J.

From:--C. J. Hoffmann, S. J.

To:--His Lordship
West Rev. J. Bernard, S. J.,
Asia,
Western Mission.

June 12, 1892.

Dear Sir,

Je viens de recevoir un avis de M. J. Cyr annonçant le décès de son père. Il est arrivé avant que cette lettre vous soit parvenue. Je suis très triste pour vous, car, enfin, le moment est venu où vous devez vous séparer de votre colonie de cette terre. Je suis sûr que vous ne songez pas au sujet de la mort de votre père. D'après les notes reçues de son fils, il a donné une belle satisfaction à son père.

Voire personnel aura été de son côté. Il a été trois autres indiens avec votre plus à l'union pour la somme de 15,000 caillottes. Pour cela, il faut que vous ayez une somme de 15,000 caillottes. Pour cela, il faut que vous ayez une somme de 15,000 caillottes. Pour cela, il faut que vous ayez une somme de 15,000 caillottes.

Le Vicarier semble avoir été le père de la mort. Il a même écrit un rapport. D'après ce rapport, il a été en crise. Je ne puis en dire plus. Tous ces jours, il a été en souffrance physique et morale. Il a été en crise. Il a été en crise. Il a été en crise.

Les Frères et les Sœurs aiment les Frères et les Sœurs. Ils trouvent du travail ici en dans le diocèse. D'après les notes reçues de M. J. Cyr, il a été en crise. Il a été en crise. Il a été en crise. Il a été en crise. Il a été en crise.

Tous attendons toujours. Pr. J. et son fils continuent, depuis le 4 mai.

Je vous envoie un petit mot significatif que vous avez eu la bonté de m'insérer dans votre lettre, que vos "missionnaires" chassent bien à sa tâche et à sa vie "ariste". C'est excellent. Et, par conséquent, on dirait que les épreuves de la guerre, comme les épreuves, affectant nos Confrères, ont sorti ce qui est bien de la vie. Et se montre en la vie d'afflictions, le sérieux du Solitaire, et aussi apparemment toujours dans les jours meilleurs. C'est bon: c'est vrai; c'est vrai de nos deux provinces voisines; sans doute c'est vrai dans toutes la Société. Voilà une chose qui consolera le P. J. Père, quand il pourra encore communiquer avec ses enfants restés "bien à leur tâche et à leur vie "ariste". Deo gratias.

C. J. H.

Artois, onseigneur, l'œuvre de la ville et de la cour
de votre honneur en J. J. J.
G. J. J. J. J. J. J.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

June 28, 1943.

Your Excellency,

I received a letter from the Hon. J. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
Apostolic Delegate, North Sydney, dated June 28, 1943. I am
it to you in its entirety:-

Very Rev. & Dear Fr. Benico,

At Villa Maria after the last mission the situation became
more and more difficult. I decided to leave the mission
I decided to leave the mission I decided to leave the mission.

After the departure of the three missionaries the
situation became more and more difficult. I decided to leave the mission
I decided to leave the mission I decided to leave the mission.

Naturally the decision to leave the mission was not
but it was necessary to leave the mission. I decided to leave the mission.

I left Fr. Robert, Fr. & Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
with Fr. Benico. He stated that you had been with our mission
anyone arriving from our mission in the last few days.
With me here are Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S., Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
Brothers Jules, Paul, Gregory and Henry, all assigned to various
stations until we are able to return to our field. I have
given Brother Henry permission to go to Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
you have enough of your hands to look after the mission. Fr.
Paul is writing to you himself re his mission. The remainder
of our staff not previously informed before the three of
with you were evacuated are prisoners at Villa Maria. The
Buka staff imprisoned there; Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S., Brother Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
have been taken away. No news of this prisoner: Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
states that they are at the end of the mission. Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S.,
at Poporanga. Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S., is the captain of his field.
No Fr. Benico, O.S.A., F.R.S., no news: surely taken or imprisoned on
spot.

Kindly do everything possible to obtain the Apostolic

Delegation exchange of our own. ... a ...
was an imprisoned missionary and ... in ...
Red Cross.

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sioned on their station, ...
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for the ...

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with fortitude. I wish ...
has been ...
them and to all ...
seem to be everybody's ...

Could you kindly ...
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evacuees you will be ...
the details ...

Authorities here ...
as until I am free ...
hands of J.I.J. to ...

Devotedly to J.I.J.,

(Signed) ...

P.S.-- ...
and to St. ...

Kindly send ...

I have since made inquiries through ...
and have been told the day before yesterday that ...
been operated on for some trouble of ...
serious nature, and is now progressing well. He will, however, be
required to remain in the hospital some three weeks.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J.I.J.,

From:--G. J. Brown, U.S.A.,

To:--Very Rev. J. H. Grove, U.S.A.,
Uva,
Fiji.

June 18, 1941.

Dear Father Grove,

Thank you for your letter of June 1st. I hope Mr. Brown has been able to visit to see that you are all well. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

It is a great pleasure to learn that you are all well and giving such a good account of yourselves. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still on where I am. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

We are all well and giving a good account of ourselves. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

All the members of our community are well and giving a good account of ourselves. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

I hope you are keeping well and giving a good account of yourselves. I am sure that you will have no more trouble with your health as you have been so well for some time.

Yours are invincible.

Yours fraternally in J.H.S.,

G. J. Brown, U.S.A.

G. E. BINGHAM, S. I.,
Provincial.

From: --G. L. Myerson, 1941.

To: -His Lordship
Most Rev. T. J. Mills, P. S. S.,
Rouman,
New Caladonia.

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From: --C. A. Morrison, S. . . .

To:--Rev. J. H. Houghton, . . . ,
Boston,

C. E. DUNSTON, S. I.

Yours sincerely in J. J.

C. S. BARNETT, JR., B.S.

FROM: --G. A. Harrison, S. S.

I hope to remain.

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

July 16, 1943.

Reverend and Dear Father Conlan,

You may have thought me very remiss in acknowledging your note of the 14th which accompanied a cheque of £ 12.4.10 for Brothers Robert and Michael, covering period ending June 30th., but I returned only yesterday from 10 days "abroad".

I am very thankful to you on behalf of my Brothers. The amount is entered to their credit against my former notice they may wish to procure for themselves when the time comes for them to return to their Mission.

I am sorry to learn that Mr. Almond had a touch of the flu. I hope he is now up again and about. Could he and Mr. Robert, the last time they were here, declared themselves very satisfied with the conditions and their work at home.

With sincere thanks and respectful regards,
Yours faithfully in C. J.,

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

July 12, 1945

My dear Mr. Tolson:

I have just received your letter of July 10, 1945, regarding the matter of the release of the information concerning the activities of the "Black Legion" in the United States. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand the need for further investigation and the delay in providing a final report. I am sure that you will find the information of interest and will be able to make a decision on the matter. I am sure that you will find the information of interest and will be able to make a decision on the matter. I am sure that you will find the information of interest and will be able to make a decision on the matter.

O. S. B. 2002-01

FROM:--Rev. J. B. Lawrence, S. J.,

To:--Rev. J. B. Lawrence, S. J.,
545 Haven Hill St.,
Lawrence, Mass.,
U.S.A.

July 11, 1961.

Dear Father Lawrence,

I am so glad to hear from you and to hear that you are still in the States. I am sure that you are doing well and that you are still active in your work. I am sure that you are still doing your best for the Church and for the world. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country.

When we hear that you are still in the States, we are sure that you are doing well and that you are still active in your work. I am sure that you are still doing your best for the Church and for the world. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country.

From those parts of the world which are still in the hands of the enemy, we are sure that you are doing well and that you are still active in your work. I am sure that you are still doing your best for the Church and for the world. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to bring the Gospel to all people. I am sure that you are still doing your best to build up the Church in your country. I am sure that you are still doing your best to serve the people of your country.

Yours sincerely in C. J.,

C. J. Lawrence, S. J.

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1901:--G. J. Morris, Jan. 12, 1901.

To:--Sister Adelaide,
St. Aidan's Convent,
40 Mill St.,
Newcastle, Mass.,
U.S.A.

$$x_{i+1} := x_i + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \nabla f(x_i) \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

To:--Rev. H. J. Fluet, R. L., C I V.
c/o St. Michael's Mission,
A P O 8708
c/o Postmaster.

At 1.10.

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And remember that your status as regular soldier will normally mean that you will be attached to whatever unit the Military Authorities will decide you are fit to serve you anywhere, any time--until you are discharged, for your services are no longer required.

You have my blessing and you will have the prayers of those who love you and protect you and believe in you. I will be with you in every way I know how as soon as the war is over.

I repeat that I love you and the whole of the world. I will be with you in every way I know how as soon as the war is over. I will be with you in every way I know how as soon as the war is over.

Yours sincerely,
Bill. (Bill) [unclear]

Mr. J. J. McGill,
A. C. C. Building,
King St.,
Sydney.

1914.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to visit Australia at the present time, but I am sure that your letter will be of great assistance to me in my work.

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To:--Very Rev. A. G. R.,
St. Nicholas St.,
New York, N. Y.

Mr. J. H. Jones, Jr.,
St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the
matter of the St. Louis Convention. I am sorry that
I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time,
but I am sure that you will understand my position.
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His Grace
Most Rev. F.T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral.

Aug. 18, 1963.

Your Grace,

I regret to have to inform you that the two lay-brothers Robert and Michael, of St. Patrick's College, only, have replied to me to be recalled. Robert is really ill, suffering from several ailments, a few ulcers, varicose veins, but mostly, I think, from over-exhaustion. The other Brother missed his Community life even its most dull, its tedious, which he was given to do in the kitchen and other places, is not congenial to him and he is not to be recalled. But what the last straw, as it were, to Brother Robert's misery was the fact that such loss of sleep in that he feels that he is being treated by the Military Police, the other the one who was to be recalled, under difficult conditions, was given by them to be recalled. The College the next day in subject him to more harassment and the following, and that gave him a fright: "Je ne suis pas un homme de la rue", says he.

Brother Michael also wants to come back; but he is very insistent, though evidently not enthusiastic about it, and is very desirous of the company of his Community.

They both feel grateful, however, for the kindness of the College towards them and for the care and attention given them there.

In view then of their earnest request, I am writing to Your Grace kindly to release the two Brothers when provision has been made for their replacement.

I have not written to Doctor Madden, as the matter of the loan of the Brothers had originated between Your Grace and me. If however you think I should address my request to him, I shall willingly do so.

Trusting that you will favourably consider my request and that you and Doctor Madden will not be unduly inconvenienced in granting it, I beg to offer my anticipated thanks.

I have the honour to be,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J.C.F.,

Rev. C. Young, D.D.,
Secretary Apostolic Delegation,
North Sydney.

Nov. 10, 1960.

Reverend and Dear Father,

With pleasure I received your letter of the 10th inst. which you sent me to be dispatched as soon as possible. It was forwarded yesterday by air mail.

With kind regards and love,

Yours respectfully in Christ,

Archbishop of Sydney

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To:--Rev. J. Louviere, S. J.,
Vila,
P.R.

Je me rappelle toujours avec plaisir les quelques beaux jours passés avec vous et "rr. a Vire". J'aurais bien pu vous le rappeler. L'échange de lettres est le seul substitut du il nous reste.

From:--C. J. Thompson, S. J.,

To:--Rev. H. Lebert, S. J., (CIV)
A.P.O. # 708
c/o Postmaster.

25.12.1943.

Dear Father Lebert,

It was a real pleasure to read your letter, even if it was short. Let me first congratulate you on your safety, recuperated strength and very good health. The opportunity while you are in the hospital to recuperate to your system, for you will have a very good chance to get back to work.

Mr. O'Sullivan was with us at the end of December. He had to go to a hospital and remained there about a month. He had caught the 'flu which was prevalent here at the time. He was very ill and the reaction after his illness, it took him all that time to recuperate. He is now with his mother. He is doing very well.

The Sisters are all well. Only three of them are in the little Convent at Villa Maria, where the school is. It is rather hard to get in there at night. There have been very incursions in finding people in the convent. Younger ones for nursing and teaching, which will be very useful when they are again called to their respective stations. You will be surprised what some of the local people do with their ill-gotten money of money. They have been very good from Father Lebert.

Your greetings were duly received. All the best. I am sure you are very much appreciated. God bless you.

With kindest regards to you and those with whom you are,
Dear Father Lebert,

Yours gratefully C. J. Thompson, S. J.,

S. J. 12.12.43.

Rev. S. B. Connelley,
St. Patrick's College,
Manly.

Nov. 13, 1907.

Dear Reverend Father,

I 8-15-6 for Brothers Robert and David and have been received.
Please find my resolution enclosed for you.

With kind regards,

From:--S. J. Bergeron, S.N.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

To:--Rev. Brother Henry, S.N.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

Aug. 27, 1943.

Dear Brother Henry,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 19th inst. It surprises me, though I know all about your intention of going to Fiji, but this is the first time you have mentioned the thing to me. Fr. Gannon did tell me in his 2/21 note to me that you had instructions to go to Fiji to learn how to give injections for leprosy, and I supposed that I was not aware of that, for did I not see your name in those instructions. Now you mention it for the first time, and as usual, I am surprised. Knowing you as I do, I am convinced that there is no need for your name to conceal anything from me. I am sure you will tell me all the subject before, and the letter may have been lost, but it never reached me, as you will understand that I would be the first to know.

Before considering seriously your intention to go to the Provincial Council I must ask you to furnish all details of all your plans.

In the meantime, if you would like to go to Fiji for a post and a job of work, I am glad to learn that you are well picked up in general health, and that you would like to go there for an occasional visit that you would very much like to go. If other Europeans from the colonies have all the same kind of work as then. The enforced stay in Australia is certainly a great deal then all every way, Brothers, Sisters and Friends.

Kindly regards to all.

To your good half my sincere affectional regards, I am, dear you.

Yours devotedly, S. J. Bergeron.

S. J. Bergeron, S.N.

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To:-- Mr. J. L. DuBois, M. A.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Private Mail No. 6, 500,
Buva, Ill.

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Sent. 1, 1941.

Dear Father O'Sullivan,

My letter of the 20th ult. arrived on the 28th, but I had to wait for the 1st before I could answer it. To tell you the truth, I was so busy with my work that I was obliged to delay. I had been thinking about it for some time, and I understood that you would be so kind as to send me a letter. Well, I wonder how the Bishop is. I hope he is well. I hope as Chaplain it will mean some work with all the people of the mission, that you will have to make your beloved people your own. I hope to your mission, and that my letter will be of some use.

You are hereby given authority to act as a Bishop in the Australian Diocese for the duration. It is the duty of the Bishop of the Diocese to be present in the Diocese of the Diocese by the proper ecclesiastical authority, and to be present with full powers and jurisdiction.

If you are not satisfied, the Bishop of the Diocese, you would prepare without delay to report to the Bishop of the Diocese, you are intended to do what you best know. I hope you will be well on the road and will not be so long as to be so long.

God bless you, and if it is in His will, you will be a Chaplain, or be present you and I hope. I hope you will be a missionary laborer where you best know to be always present. But you will give again soon to tell me what you think.

With sincere and warm wishes,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Profratell.

To:--Rev. H. Fluch, . . .
Catholic Mission,
Canal du Congo,
Porto F. A.

The Postmaster General,
SYDNEY.

Perth, 1947.

Dear Sir,

The newspaper in your office is in receipt of
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but not letters as written in my name.

The letters have been through the office.

Hoping that I am following the right course, I am
get these letters to the Bishop.

I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

Very Rev. J. J. Mason, D.D.,
St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth.

London, 1942.

Very Beloved and Dear Father,

Brother Robert and I are all very well and hope
you are equally so. I am very glad to hear
that you are in good health and hope
that the friends who are with you are all well.
One of the College has been admitted to
their stay at St. Patrick's, and they will be
to all concerned for it.

I am glad to hear that the students are all
the same and that they are all well. I am
to visit them in the future and hope to
visit them in the future and hope to
to visit them in the future.

Brother Robert is very well and hope
that you are all well. I am very glad to hear
that you are all well and hope to
local assistance I hope that you will
strength before they return in the future and
in the future and hope to visit them in the future.

All respects to your mother and sister.
I hope to visit them in the future and
I am very glad to hear that you are all well.

Superintendent of the Mills,
General Post Office,
Sydney.

Sept. 2, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that you are
not feeling well. I hope you will
be able to return to work soon.
I am sure you will be able to
do so.

The fact that you are not feeling
well is a great disappointment to
me. I hope you will be able to
return to work soon. I am sure
you will be able to do so.

Yours faithfully,
John Doe

nursing and teaching, to fit the for future work when they go
back to the islands. Such of course find room in the little or other
Convents for the time of their training, and so follow the same
on the bursting walls of the Villa Maria Convent-- especially in the
way. Providence always finds a way, and without such a way, we
to an, but regards for her to be thankful for and express his
attitude with such prayers as, "There is always room for me here."
May I say that all this is not the only thing that I have seen,
not only for the good of those in the island, but for
the relief of the nation and the world as a whole. I have seen
air on to the normal life of the world. I have seen the
God.

With thanks for your letter and for the good work that you
are doing, I am, dear Sir, very truly,
Yours faithfully,
J. J. J.

To:-- Mr. J. H. Rodgers, . . .
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Sœur M. Martial-- Marie Fardieu

Born at Melay, Maine et Loire, France, Oct. 1, 1888

Missionary North Solomons for 24 years

Sœur M. Faustina--Giosappa Pezzaioli

Born at Ghedi, Prov. Brescia, Italy, March 12, 1912

Missionary SO. Solomons for 9 years

Sœur M. Rosita-- Jeanne Thibodeau

Born at Van Buren, Maine, Nov. 2^d, 1912

At Villa Maria, Sydney, for 10 years

Sœur M. Hermine--Hermine Beveau

Born at Van Buren, Maine, U.S.A. Oct. 20, 1915

At Villa Maria, Hunters Hill, Sydney since Oct. 1940

From: --

To:--His Lordship

Font: evl . ahlin . . .

White, B. I.

Sept. 22, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Young,

I hope you see this correspondence before the 24th, so that the "die" may be cast on the great day there will be many prayers for her, in solidarity with her grief and in sympathy also for her initial state of bereavement and--happiness. God bless her.

Those she leaves behind her also need a powerful intercession. They also shall be remembered. God bless them too.

My daily prayers for her and for them will continue through the old's probation.

I have found reassurance of the fact that the Lord is with us; and I do hope that Mr. Young and family will again give us the pleasure of an occasional visit.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

Rev. J. Connelan,
St. Patrick's College,
Wexford.

Sept. 22, 1943.

Dear Father Connelan,

I have written to you on the 19th, and I have for your note and cheque of the 18th. I have also received your report, and covering the last month. They are all in order. I have enclosed please find receipt.

Brother Michael had to take a few days' rest on his return, but he seems to have got rid of his cold and is now at work again. Brother Robert was more severely ill. He had a high fever, but he dropped all his symptoms at the end of his arrival.

I regret sincerely that the world has been so long and that you longer in your present difficulty.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

Very Rev. Mr. J. Toohy, P.C.,
Archbishop's Secretary,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Oct. 2, 1943.

Very, dear Mr. Toohy,

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the service on Friday. I have therefore the pleasure to inform you that the service will be held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at 10.30 a.m. in the Cathedral. I am sure you will find this arrangement satisfactory.

Will you kindly inform Mr. Toohy that I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the service on Friday. I have therefore the pleasure to inform you that the service will be held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at 10.30 a.m. in the Cathedral. I am sure you will find this arrangement satisfactory.

After the service on Saturday, I shall be glad to hear from you. I am sure you will find this arrangement satisfactory. I am sure you will find this arrangement satisfactory.

With respectful regards,

I remain, dear Mr. Toohy,

Yours faithfully,
J. Toohy

To:--Col. J.C. Ellinger, Ch. S. 2-11792,
Chaplain Section, E. S. 2, 2nd,
c/o P. S., San Francisco,
Cal.

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From:--G. J. Thompson, U.S.A.,

To:--General Douglas MacArthur,
Commander in Chief
of Allied Forces,
Southwest Pacific Area,
A.P.O., 1943.

Nov. 3, 1943.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Major
John C. S. Sling, who is a member of the "Boy Scouts" of
you, in which he relates that a letter had been received from
about our "missions" in the Islands of the Pacific. I am
good influence on the mission and about the "missions" of
our Forces. In their "missions" it is my duty to be
especially for such a trip. I am sure, I am sure, I am sure,
clearly and definitely in the eyes of the "missions".
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be arranged for me to be in New Caledonia about the 1st of November.
I would be extremely grateful. I am sure, I am sure, I am sure, I am sure,
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as I did in the "missions" of the "missions" of the "missions" of.

I have the honor to be,

Dear General,

Yours faithfully,

G. J. Thompson, U.S.A.

Mr. J. J. Dellow,
Secretary General A.E.C.C.,
197 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

Oct. 2, 1943.

Dear Mr. Dellow,

Mr. J. J. Dellow,
Secretary General A.E.C.C.,
197 Castlereagh St.,
Sydney.

Dear Mr. Dellow,

I am very sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting of the A.E.C.C. on the 10th inst. I am sure that you will be able to attend the meeting on the 11th inst. I am sure that you will be able to attend the meeting on the 11th inst.

Yours,

Mr. J. J. Dellow,

Secretary General A.E.C.C.,

Rev. A. Bragdon, S. J.,
Melbourne, Vic.

Oct. 14, 1917.

Dear Father Francis,

By airmail--sent here on the 12th. I have just received
a black letter signed by you with the date 10th. I have
been thinking of it for some time. I have been thinking
of the letter, and I have been thinking of the letter.

This is really a very interesting letter. I have
been thinking of it for some time. I have been thinking
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From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

Missionary Sisters S.M.,
St. Theresa's Convent,
Spring Road,
Bedford, Mass., U.S.A.

Oct. 26, 1945.

Reverend and Dear Mother,

Some days ago I got a pleasant surprise--three brand new books in brilliant jackets, entitled "Saving the Solomons". You would know who gave me that present. Kindly convey to donor my thankful acknowledgements. Oh, I know that they were not meant for me personally,--they are for propaganda for our Missions, our Missionaries, our Sisters,--and consequently I have already placed them where they are likely to produce just that: Blessed Chanel's Seminary, Tongabie; St. John's College, Lismore; the library here. In the first we are preparing future Missioners and Missionaries; in the second we are forming mission-minded youngsters, who will talk it in to them at home; and here we shall put the volume into Visitors' hands.

Thank God, we are as well as could be expected here, Villa Maria, Monastery and Convent, being headquarters, guest-house, rest-house and half-way house for missionaries coming to or from the missions, for stranded, sick or convalescent, for refugees and evacuees, etc. Fortunately, we cannot complain of great living difficulties, except at the Convent, room for all. I often wonder how Mother M. Rose manages it after sundown. Well, one does not venture any questions in that direction; and one remembers steamer bunks and Pullman berths, and one concludes that there is always a way to manage it.

It is still impossible to tell when our evicuee Fathers, Brothers and Sisters will be able to resume their work in their beloved Islands. Circumstances do not permit it. The principle groups are in the battle area--a thing which some in other countries do not seem to appreciate--and hence, traveling is next to impossible for all, especially for a cosmopolitan personnel such as ours. I wanted to be present at the Centenary celebrations to be held in Bishop Bresson's Vicariate, but I was refused facilities. I cannot insist much on this just now, war regulations would be against much of what I might say; but I wish Mother M. Rose and I be given credit for doing our level best in the circumstances. This is not for you

There is one thing we have been doing, and we can continue to do--pray for one another, pray for our prisoners of war, pray for peace and the return of normal conditions and normal work.

With many thanks and all respectful regards,

I remain, Reverend Mother,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Son Excellence
Mgr. J. Bresson, S.I.,
Evêché,
Houma, P.C.

From:--G.A. Berruon, S.I.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
P.S.T.

27 oct. 1943.

Vonseigneur,

Vous avez eu recevoir mon radio d'hier: "Jusqu'ici vainc effort--une acceptation par moi pour retraite! Par d'excellents contacts j'étais allé jusqu'au plus haut des autorités, qui recurent très aimablement mon application, m'assurant de leur concours pour une date dans un avenir prochain, mais sans pas pour la date que j'avais donnée comme la plus rapprochée du commencement de vos solennités et de la retraite. Et bien touché à l'eau, je ne vois plus de possibilité, sinon d'attendre et encore confuse, de pouvoir me rendre à votre invitation, et chaleureusement pour tant et tant appréciée de ma part, au Centre de la Vie de la Mission. Que de sacrifices dans un tel voyage!

Je n'abandonne pas tout espoir. Cette invitation, qui n'est pas de notre faute, ne manque pas de solliciter de nous une série d'autres arrangements à recevoir et l'absence de la... Suite dans les conditions que vous mentionnez, l'absence de travail pas longue. Mais il y a toujours les innombrables circonstances changeantes. Je vous remercie de votre offre généreuse de payer aux frais de la Mission de la P.C. mon voyage par avion, aller et retour. Ce ne serait pas nécessaire: j'ai actuellement à ma disposition les moyens de faire les tournées provinciales pour être à charge aux Vicariats. Dieu merci, et grâce à certaines personnes qui ont compris qu'en ce bas-monde on ne se débrouille pas sans faire des dépenses.

Je vous suis encore reconnaissant pour les nouvelles que vous me donnez, et dans votre G.A. du 11, tant que la mort n'est pas votre lettre, sur l'état des choses dans la Mission. Il faut bien s'attendre à la maladie, même à la mort, par un peu de malheur comme celui de la P.C., ou d'autres--très nombreux, l'un--suffisant de la maladie incurable de l'âge, et on prépare tout son cœur de surmenage, par suite de l'absence de missionnaires et des circonstances; mais vous en avez en dignement votre cœur, ainsi votre comble. Oui, nous avons reçu la nouvelle de la mort du Fr. Joseph. La date cependant de ces choses nous était inconnue. R.I.P.

La M. Maria-Rose s'occupe de votre supplique et de celle de Mgr. Poncet. Elle, comme moi, voudrait bien pouvoir envoyer quelques Soeurs, toutes même à leurs missions respectives, si cela était possible. Vous ne sauriez croire les difficultés auxquelles on se bute dès que l'on veut bouger. D'abord, non pas. Et quand il s'agit d'un personnel cosmopolite, et pour destinations différentes, il faut ceci, cela, de celui-ci, de celui-là, à ce bout-ci, et à l'autre bout, et--le plus difficile--moyen de transport. Ainsi je m'étonne que des Soeurs puissent rentrer chez Mgr. Aubin. Les Pères, Frères, Soeurs d'ici ne le peuvent pas; à moins, d'après un décret du High Commissioner, qu'ils ne soient qualifiés pour faire service médical et ouvrir tout de suite un hôpital. Le P. Brumans et les autres ont interprété cela comme un obstacle pour le moment insurmontable. Sans

To:--Most Rev. Bishop T.J. Madigan, S.M.,
Eveche,
Rouses, N.C.

From:--C.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill.
Oct. 27, 1943.

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop Madigan,

I have three letters of yours to answer to-day: the first is dated Aug. 26th, and got here only to-day; a second one dated Sept. 7th, which arrived on the 20th of the same month; and the third dated Sept. 12th ~~and~~ reached me on Oct. 14th. Which goes to prove that, thank God, you are not down and out "whatsoever", as good Bro. Henry would put it.

*Would that
be Stiney?
See no other.*

To begin with the letter just arrived. It deals with Fr. O'Sullivan, his commission and "the wrong reasonable" who promise to call on me,--who has still to come and call on me, whatever he is. We have published nothing here, and prevented the publication of numberless bits. You have no idea of the universal itch to publish things, anything,--and in any way, that seems to have infected even the best. Other people have also been much troubled. The latest all inquiries on to me, and I turned them away. But several articles, and letters have appeared in local papers, extracted from American publications, for our Chairman thought that some of their stories might go over him. That gave me some trouble here to ask our local Catholic Editors to please leave things at that and not reproduce the stuff. Fr. O'Sullivan, while he was at the hospital, wrote a lengthy letter deprecating this kind of collection. The Editor of the Catholic Weekly inserted it in his next number.

No further news of Fr. O'Sullivan since the 25th of Aug. Whether he succeeded in becoming a Chameleon, I cannot say. I had asked him to keep me advised on developments. Fr. White and Fr. Sullivan had been counseling him, and he may himself have been playing with the idea; whatever it was, I could not refuse his request, and told him to be sure to do it the proper way--for full rights and faculties.

The procedure is not always so simple as our friends Fr. P. seemed to think. By the way, how is he now? And what took him to cross over to you? Bishop Malbert must have been disappointed in him, as he had already given him a post of duty.

About the matter you mention at the end of your letter of the 7th Sept., I think all is now O.K. The A.B., who wrote to you himself, never mentioned the subject to me again; nor did he see Fr. O'Sullivan, of whose presence here and at the Mater I had kept him informed.

I was sorry to learn of Bro. Gregory's illness. I hope he has completely recovered. We have had a case of serious sickness here, too, which unfortunately ended fatally. Fr. J. Coicand took ill about twelve days before he died, and was at the Hospital only the last two days. He must have been a long time a victim of diabetes, and when it got the upper hand over him it just broke him up entirely. He died on the 8th, at night, and was buried in our Cemetery on the following Sunday afternoon. R.I.P.

Nurse Richardson is very busy about those pamphlets. Mother M. Rose has gathered for her any amount of material, which I am to take to her to-morrow. She is always the same live wire. God bless her.

of our Doctor. The doctor is a very good man, and asks for our prayers for his recovery. They have now been married eight months and were very happy until this misfortune came upon them. She does not state whether it is in his old trouble, I suspect it is. He had a fine position as Medical Officer in charge of a Mental Hospital, at Beechworth, Vic., which gave him very much and much leisure, a residence at the Hospital and a good salary. It was too good really, and now it is too bad. God bless them both and give them their hearts' desire. She seems to be as good a woman as he is a good man.

Last Sunday, the young woman, you remember, that had attended at St. Joseph's College, said on a visit. He has a good position, is taking on a course in mechanical engineering, and leaves very faithful to his Catholic duties. He seems to be a very good man. Your George is progressing with his studies at the College. He is a little more serious, and worried not only over the situation at home, -- quite a natural thing -- but over his studies -- a natural, too, you will add. Anyway he is a little along, so that is a good thing. He is good in history, as he says.

I am writing to his Lordship Bishop, and he will tell you what I shall not repeat in this letter about his studies. He is attending his Seminary celebrations. It is extremely difficult to move about nowadays.

It is very gratifying to know that you are well, and in good health and spirits. May you soon be back at your old work.

With respectful regards and all good wishes,

I am, My Lord,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

G. J. J. J. J.

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Very Rev. A. W. Coddery, S. J.,
Blessed Chanel's Seminary,
Toongabbie, N. S. W.

Rev. Mother Thomas,
Arist Convent,
Coolwich.

Oct. 31, 1948.

Everest and Dear Mother,

Your kind and encouraging
cheque of forty-eight pounds (£48.0.0.) to cover interest for six
months on loan of £2400. has duly received. May thank you.

I hope the burden of the present rate of interest is not too
heavy. It affords an additional help for the maintenance of our
missions, when the time comes.

I heartily reciprocate your kind wishes for the future of the
Firm, and am more for a better world of peace.

Respectful y yours in J. I.

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Nov. 22, 1944.

From:--C. J. Barrington, M.P.,

To:--His Lordship
The Bishop of
Catholics, London,
Cundalman, 1.
P.M.I.

Nov. 1, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church of England, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the appropriate authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
C. J. Barrington, M.P.

How!

The proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Church of England, which was introduced by the Bishop of London in the House of Commons on the 11th inst., has been the subject of much discussion. It is proposed that the Bishop of London should be empowered to appoint and remove the members of the Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Paul, and that the same should be subject to the approval of the House of Commons. This proposal has been met with considerable opposition, and it is believed that it will not be passed. The Bishop of London, however, is determined to see it through, and he has already announced that he will introduce a similar amendment in the House of Bishops. It is, therefore, probable that the question will be brought before the House of Commons again in the near future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
C. J. Barrington, M.P.

Sr. M. Vincent,
Presentation Convent,
Mount Erin,
Texas, U.S.A.

April, 1945.

Dear Sister M. Vincent,

to be said for the many reports of "the good" that are coming from
just over the border. The masses will be glad to hear of "the good" of
this month. I thank you for your message of "the good".

ed, I am so tender you say that is better than the "good" of
Holy Church, the good of the world, the good of the people of
Villa Maria, the good of the world, the good of the people of
the good of the world, the good of the people of the world.

Yours truly,
M. Vincent

Pray for Dr. Meagher...
With fraternal greetings & all good wishes, Yours in I. M. & S. C. Bergeron, D. M.

the local Editors....

I am glad that you have come to some agreement with Mr. Grove concerning his Theological Students, at least for the present. Time will bring about, under Providence, a full solution of the problem. I thank you for help you and your Father have so far given so unselfishly to the Students from Will, but I am well sustained for reasons for not wishing the continuance of the difficult situation. When a new Bishop takes over, and the war is over, and the Superior General and his Assistants can handle the problem of the native Clergy, I am sure that it will be solved to everybody's satisfaction.

With respectful regards and all good wishes,
Yours sincerely in J.C.,

Wm. J. ...

To:--Rev. Brother, A. M.,
Greenmeadows,
Hawke's Bay,
N. Z.

G. S. BERGERON, S. E.

I was forgetting to mention that I asked Very R. P. Shaney to give you
Employment in his Province until you can return to your Mission.
V. E. B.

To:-- Mr. J. McGrath, S.M.,
Mission House,
Island Bay,
Collingwood, N.Z.

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To:--His Lordship
 Post Rev. J. Poncet, S. J.,
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 Via:--Rouen, F. Cal.

Rev. Mother "Adelaide,
Dominican Convent,
West Maitland.

Nov. 10, 1868.

Reverend and Dear Mother,

My letter was sent by Mr. Herring told me about your inquiry concerning a "Mr. Merian," who had been an inmate of your Institute at Maitland. It took a full time to get the information, as I had to write to Mr. Meriden for particulars. But it was worth while, for I have it now from the Rev. Bishop J. Hallbert, S. J.

Here is what he tells me. I am sending you his card:--
"I came over to the Merian & Co. in the winter of 1867. Mademoiselle Merian is still living at her father's of Paris, which, Hallicolo, New Hebrides. She deposit of which you sent me by Mr. Merian for his sister, he is dead and cannot give without any other relative in the New Hebrides. As he is a widow, she is afraid that he might die before his sister, he had the card which she had and that deposit which enable her then, she has no one to look after her to find a home. If the Institute at Maitland were the nearest some, the best thing to do would be, it seems to me, to write to Mr. Merian at the above address and ask him what he wishes to be done." I think there will be a good--and a bad--side to this, but as you say, I understand; you would like to comply with this advice, and I am sure that Mr. Merian would answer as soon as the letter which I am sending prevalent in the Pacific will allow.

Hoping that the above will prove useful to you, and that your prayers for self and one sorely tried friend.

I am, Dear Reverend Mother,

Yours respectfully in Christ,

From:--C. L.

To:--Very Rev. J.
St.
Boston,
Mass., U.S.A.

Nov. 12, 1944.

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R.I.P. Did he admit before he died that he was old? Of course, he
though he had joked on that point for almost 90 years, he must have
come to realise that he was not as limber as used to be. He had a
wonderful spirit. God reward him.

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Rev. Brother Andrew, Minister,
St. Paul's Church,
Baltimore, Md.,
Maryland.

June 11, 1887.

Dear Brother Andrew,

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I am glad to hear that you are still in the land of the living.

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To:--Rev. A. C. Devlin, . . .
Christ the King,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

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From:--J. J. Bergeron, M. A.,

To:--Rev. Father, St. Joseph,
Lafayette,
Maine,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
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description of the project. It includes the
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instruments used, and the procedures followed.
The third part is a description of the results
of the study. This includes the data collected,
the analysis of the data, and the conclusions
drawn from the study. The fourth part is a
discussion of the results of the study. This
includes a comparison of the results with
previous studies, a discussion of the
implications of the results, and a discussion
of the limitations of the study. The fifth
part is a conclusion. This includes a
summary of the findings of the study and
a statement of the overall conclusions.

Monseigneur Poucet qui était si isolé il y a à peine un an, est actuellement un de nos proches voisins — 15 jours de distance pour la correspondance. Ce n'est pas la même chose pour les provisions ..

G. J. BERGERON S. 1.

From:--F. J. Herron, M.A.,

To:--Rev. J. Haynes, M.A.,
Chennai,
T.M.

10.10.1907.

Dear Mr. Haynes,

I am very glad to hear from you and to hear that you are well and happy. I am sure you will find the work very interesting and profitable.

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Yours very truly,
F. J. Herron, M.A.

His Grace
Most Rev. M. E. Gilroy, M.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral.

Dec. 11, 1960.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to hear that you are well and hope that you are enjoying the Christmas season. I am sure that you will be able to spend it with your family and friends. I am sure that you will be able to spend it with your family and friends. I am sure that you will be able to spend it with your family and friends.

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To:--Rev. J. Waller, S. L.,
Baltimore, Md.,
March 10, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have only one thing to say to you, and that is, I am very glad to hear that you are well and happy.

With kindest regards to all,

I am, Sir, very truly yours,

John G. Waller, S. L.

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No. 1--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. J.H. Grove, S.M.,
Suva,
Fiji.

Dec. 18, 1943.

Dear Father Grove,

I wish to thank you on behalf of myself and the Villa for a "formity" for your telegram of Christmas and New Year good wishes. I have just received your cable in acknowledgement. You must be quite used to your heavy duties as Pro-Vicar of Fiji; but may the Lord bless you with His Providence and Our Good Father may bring you an abundance of blessings and consolations and last problems put to rest. May the good work you are doing for your Mission continue to prosper and bring forth in full measure.

Here is how we dealt with Mr. J. Talbot's request:--
"While everyone, on consideration, (the Superior General and Provincial Council) recognizes the strength of the request of Mr. Talbot and the equally just desire of your Father to grant it, everyone feels that your request just now, in the midst of the war, is very embarrassing to authority. To comply with it, is to meet it; but we all, from Very Rev. J.H. Grove to the individual members of the Council, wish you a very early date, when circumstances will be more propitious, when you will be able to leave your home and live more regular, and your trip will be no longer a mere visit, but a permanent in our two American provinces. It is a request, rather than the extension of your first permission--that we are asking you to make. To realize that, normally, such a request can be granted only by the Superior General and his Council, and we all agree that in the present circumstances he would not grant it. We have therefore decided to follow that line of action by declining to accede to your request for the present, trusting that God will prolong your dear Father's days a few years, so that a happy meeting can be arranged.

While we are at it, I wish to advise that the permission to go home may be granted a day or two after fifteen years in the field; but the thing does not work automatically. The request must be approved by the Vicar Apostolic and the Provincial before the Superior General and his Council will consider it. It is not granted for "a year"; but is seldom extended by the Superior General to more than six months at home. It is not recurrent after every fifteen years in the "missions."

The war is imposing on one and all many heavy sacrifices. You are faced with this one, which we know to be of the heaviest, and we pray that you may bravely meet it, and offer it up generously."

I hope the dear Father will not be too disappointed. God bless him.

With renewed good wishes,

Yours respectfully in J.H.J.,

G.E. BERGERON S.M.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Parico, S.D., J.M.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Dec. 31, 1943.

Your Excellency,

and the Community of Villa Maria I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. and to assure you of our sincere good wishes for the success of your mission with the return of the 1st of October.

Just now, more than ever, we are in need of your presence and of our Holy Father's blessing, and we pray that God will grant you the grace to be able to carry out the mission of the Holy Spirit.

With your blessing and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, we remain, Your Excellency's obedient servant, J. J. J.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant, J. J. J.

Provincial of the Order of St. Basil.

His Grace
Most Rev. F. J. Gilroy, O.F.M.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Dec. 22, 1942.

Your Grace,

On behalf of the Mari Community
of Villa Maria Monastery I beg to express our most
respectful and wishes for a very Christmas season. May
blessed with the return of the Peace of Christ and the resolu-
tions of normal life.

We are happy to render the affection of our people
to our Archbishop and to assure him of our warm regards.

Asking your blessing upon our united people
and upon our Villa Maria Community.

I have the honour to be,

Your Grace's obedient servant in J. C.,

Provincial of the Mari Community.

From:--C. A. Carpenter, C.M.,

To:--Mrs. Agnes O'Reilly,
151 East 48th St.,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dec. 24, 1943.

Dear Mrs. O'Reilly,

I have to thank you very much for your letter of the 15th Nov. and the enclosure.
As you say, the poor Bishop will need much assistance to rebuild his Mission when the Japanese have been driven out of the Philippines. I am in touch with the Bishop and will try to transmit to him any communication you may wish to send him. I thank you also for your kind wishes and gladly receive them. God bless you.

Yours sincerely in C. A.

C. A. Carpenter

To:--Rev. Al. Johnson, M. P.,
Carral-du-Sagard,
Canto,
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BERGERON: OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

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July 1, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mulholland,

I have been delighted with heart
than your note of the 28th April and the generous offer
of £105--(£100 for the general purposes of the Pacific Is-
land Missions and £5 as an offering for London for Mary
and Elizabeth Mulholland)--highly appreciated it.
The thanks for your beloved deceased will be sent imme-
diately.

The generous donation of a hundred pounds will come in
very handy when rehabilitation is so much in need of relief-
ed Missions, notably Bishop's Vicariate, New I do not
expect a stick to be standing on the island and the
the main two islands--and the Japanese are finally
reconquered from the enemy.
God bless you.

Yours faithfully in C. J.,

Provided the British Islands
in the Pacific.

From:--A. J. Herndon, S.J.,

To:--Very Rev. A. Cyr, S.J.,
5 Isabella St.,
Boston, Mass.,
U.S.A.

May 1, 1944.

Dear Father Cyr,

Your welcome and happy letter of the 4th April was rather quick, being received here on the 16th of the same month. I thank you sincerely for it and for all that you are doing for our Mission:--such as your so required mission with good Bishop Gunkin; your advocacy of our collected subsidies, and your supply of the Church Calendar.

It was reported in the papers here last week that our great Cardinal has come to his reward. Would it be too much to ask you, when occasion offers to convey to Bishop Gunkin the condolences and prayers of the members of the Society in view of the sacrifice on the loss of their most valued and venerated leader. From the beginning of his Pontificate in the See of London, and all along, has been a staunch supporter of their missionary work. He has been but this one phase of his great charity:--that he has seen that it deserves from him the most abundant and generous help. I am sure that we may say with Holy Church, "He has been in peace."

Re Church Calendar. Fr. Farley has so much trouble in getting them, while we get ours with comparative ease. I shall request that the 1945 Calendar be mailed by packet post--boxed as usual and each packet addressed to one Father in Australia. They may be mailed to the Islands just as this year's were; so we need to have had any difficulty in getting them in the various Mission centres. As I mentioned before, Fr. Guerin has done a great job--if the work here concurs in this--may be to send a lot of the 1945 Calendar. And many thanks to you and to him.

That was too bad about Fr. St. Martin. May he completely recover and be again on active service.

Am sending Fr. de la Chappelle Golden Jubilee congratulatory telegram. May God give him many more years to work--less actively perhaps, but none the less profitable y--for his dear Province of Boston where he spent his priestly life.

Father Nicolas and I prefer you keep in the Bank over there the Mission money you have for us, even at the low rate of 1/4: it may be many months yet before we can use it, and we have on hand more than enough for all purposes, especially in these times of "austerity" and all but non-existent civilian shipping.

Other I. Rose send her good wishes. She is well and is handling a difficult situation with her well-known tact, patience and sense of humor.

With cordial good wishes, I remain, Dear Father Cyr,
Yours fraternally in J.I.J.,

P.S.--The Province of Australia is opening an Archdiocese in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It will help supply our missions.

From:--G. J. Bergeron, S. J.,

To:--Very Rev. J. M. Greve, S. J.,
Suva,
Fiji.

May 8, 1944.

Dear Father Greve,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th April and the Copy of another letter to Rev. Father Pin, which accompanied it. They reached us on the 17th.

The date of that trip to Fiji has not been fixed yet; but all preliminary steps have been taken, and all arrangements are well on; provided no last-minute decision or disappointment comes in to spoil preparations. I'll have to brush my beard a bit through with those retreats without disapproval of my friends and let them go down.

Your decision regarding Fr. Shain's office job was not a surprise: I had expected as much, but I was sure I should be able to meet it efficiently. I now leave it, and in time I'll try to bring up in a way satisfactory to him and in the best interests of the Society. Thank you. He is intelligent, and will be a great help to the work of Fr. Lejeune and Hellier.

Have you received my cable about the work of the Society and good wishes to His Excellency or his presence? I never failed to have been most gracious in the interest he has shown in our missions and the practical help he has given them.

You will be glad to learn that the Australian Government is opening an Apostolic school in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It will no doubt help materially in the work of our missionaries in our Missions. The site will be selected from a number of places one of these days, and all facilities have been created for the work, both for protection, means and vocations.

No important development in respect of our work here.

Here we are all well--such as usual. Fr. Pinard is still at the job after his operation for Appendicitis.

With all good wishes and respectful regards,

Yours sincerely in J. J. J.,

G. J. BERGERON, S. J.

From:--G. H. Bergeron, S. J.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. M. Aubin, S. J.,
British Solomon, Ia.

2 mai, 1944.

Monsieur,

Je viens vous remercier réception de votre bonne lettre du 11 avril et de l'intérêt, de votre date, sur le Père de Taharare. Merci beaucoup. Inutile de vous enter sur ce dernier; je le garde avec d'autres documents de la zone son dossier.

Il y a quelques jours j'ai voulu vous envoyer un télégramme pour vous avertir du jubilé d'argent de l'archevêque de la Délégation apostolique, et vous demander de lui offrir vos félicitations. J'en suis sûr; mais on n'a pu le faire, par tout, de l'archevêque. Je vous prie d'en être avis. Sans doute, c'est un peu tard, mais j'espère que vous pourrez vous rendre à cette suggestion. Les célébrations commencent le 10 mai. Les circonstances, et surtout celles qui ont été déclarées, ont été déclarées, et chaque fois elles ont été déclarées à la cathédrale et à la Délégation, elles furent avec elles, surtout le personnel religieux et ecclésiastique y assisteront.

Le Second-Officier finit aujourd'hui son troisième mois. Les Novices sont exemplaires. Les autres trois mois seront très bons. Je crains que la permission de rentrer dans votre pays ne sera encore attendre longtemps avec cela. J'ai tenté une dernière démarche auprès des plus hautes autorités pour une permission, mais pour vos principaux missionnaires, des conditions à passer, et que vous connaissez. Je n'ai pas beaucoup d'espoir de voir la demande accordée. Mais j'aurai fait tout ce qui se peut faire pour le moment. On ne laisse pas de "civils" voyager dans vos provinces. Voilà.

Le P. Bruggens, qui est souvent très malade et non utilisable voyager ne sont pas faits pour lui faire passer sa vie dans un hôpital depuis deux jours, "under observation". On lui fait des "blood tests" de toutes espèces, et on applique les remèdes. D'après ce qu'il est on ne peut mieux, on fait il est d'une santé bien pressante. Les autres ici sont très bien. En S. J. le P. de l'école en parle toujours; mais le P. Mahon a été réopéré de sa maladie d'estomac. Il ne pourra plus retourner en mission, de l'avis de la Faculté et de tous; j'ai donc écrit au P. Mahon de vouloir bien l'accepter s'il rentre dans sa Province. Il est jeune; il reprendra vie, il pourra recommencer et se faire une nouvelle carrière.

C'est le P. Jim qui est bien attristé. Il ne s'a jamais écrit. Mais le P. Bruggens n'a fait voir certains documents venus de lui. Ils revalent aucune voie de retour. Il n'est mis de nous, c'est clair. Je le regrette beaucoup pour vous et pour les autres qui s'attachent à la tâche. S'il ne trouve pas de travail là-bas, je la ferai venir ici, et l'offrirai au P. Hurley pour sa nouvelle école apostolique dans le diocèse de Brisbane, où il faudra un corps de professeurs. Qui, on doit ces jours-ci aller choisir un des quatre sites aux offerts pour cette nouvelle œuvre, qui donnera des vocations à la Province et aux Missions.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. H. McMahon, S.M.,
Lewisham Rest House,
Cashmere Hills,
Christchurch,
N.Z.

May 3, 1944.

Dear Father McMahon,

Your letter of the 9th April, Easter Sunday, was very welcome, though it contained some bad news. Now that you have won the victory over the lung trouble, I trust you will be able to conjure that in your stomach,--and without over-tension. Take all the care necessary and the time required for a complete recovery. Good Fr. Cooney has been wonderful for our missionaries, and I shall be ever grateful to him. Do what he suggests you to do.

I have no answer yet from Fr. Ober, but our missionaries are so bad and dilatory these days, that we must be ready to wait. The delay will benefit you in your treatment of your lung trouble. On the other hand, you will have much difficulty, as I fear you could, in obtaining passage to America. It is very doubtful whether you will secure it before the end of hostilities in these parts. Well, we cannot help that, can we? We do what we can, and let God see to the rest. And it all turns out in our eternal welfare. Such is the lot of the missionaries now in exile. All are anxious to go back. None is allowed to leave,--including Fr. J. J. Hall....

Fr. de Lachapelle celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination last month. I just learned it from Fr. Cyr, and I am sending the Jubilarian, whom I know so well, a telegram of congratulations and good wishes. Fr. de Lachapelle must be much better, for he kept the Jubilee Mass at our Seminary, Presidencia. Bishop Curran presided and preached.

Everybody is well here. The Grand-Province are beginning today their fourth month, and have throughout been no exception. You know two of them: Fr. van de Velle and van Rente; the other two belong to the Australian Province.

The Province of Australia is opening shortly an Apostolic School in the Diocese of Brisbane. Fr. Hurley will be going up there some one of these days to select a site--four of them being offered to his choice. God speed the plan, for it will mean quick development here, and a supply of vocations for our Missions.

Let me hear from you again. I shall feel anxious about you, until you are absolutely well again. So, God bless you.

Yours devotedly in J.M.S.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
I.S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
I.O.S.

To:--Rev. J. Boudard, S.M.,
Sacred Heart Convent,
St. John's Hill,
Wanganui, N.Z.

May 8, 1944.

Dear Father Boudard,

Your welcome letter has not been awaiting an answer for some two and a half weeks, but I have had such an abundance of work lately, that it has not been able to allow higher priorities to receive attention. Fortunately it did not demand immediate attention.

Thank God, you are feeling well and able to still do your part in your prolonged exile. To have been here and of course certain severe conditions exist with the already existing conditions there. It may not be long before you will be back to resume your work; but not all of you, I am afraid. There are those who will have to apply priorities--some of them. It is a pity that the war has undoubtedly a good chance there, the fact is that the war has a seasoned veteran. I should not be surprised, I think, if you had to see some of the coming winter there, as it is, I think, as you release comes.

The same anxious writer writes from the United States. The two on the Second-Exile have been some time in the hospital, and as their health seems to be improving, they will be able to return to the Vicariate the moment the doors are open. Fr. Boudard, though looking the most robust of them all, is by no means as strong as some others, he is often ill, and even now, he does not feel it. Fr. B. Coisard took sick last week with pneumonia, fever, chills and whatnot, and had to be entered into the hospital. He was better yesterday. I think he will recover very soon. Well, it has been extraordinarily cold here, and even healthy people developed colds or 'flu. The weather is coming back to somewhat a normal temperature. Try to keep warm on your Hill this coming winter and to not catch the 'flu, for together with your children, you will be a very happy family.

Write to me again, for I like to hear of you with all my unfortunate exiles.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely in J.I.S.,

G.E. Bergeron, S.M.

To:-- Rev. A. Minois, S. J.,
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Deputy Director
Department of War Production
of Industry,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to the letter of the 11th inst. from the
Director of War Production, dated 11th inst., in which
it was stated that the Department of War Production
is desirous of obtaining information regarding the
production of the following items:

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Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

Managing Director,
Pacific Publications Pty Ltd.,
Union House,
George St., Sydney.

14 May 1944.

Dear Sir,

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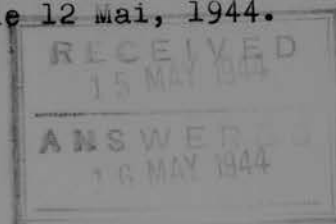
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Alexandria, SYDNEY

le 12 Mai, 1944.

Monsieur le Révérend Père BERGERON,
Provincial,
Marist Fathers,
Hunters Hill, SYDNEY.



Mon Révérend Père,

J'ai reçu récemment par l'intermédiaire de Monsieur André BRENAC, Délégué en Australie du Comité Français de la Libération Nationale, une copie de votre lettre du 18 Avril 1944 à Monsieur MILLER d'après laquelle j'aurais négligé d'accuser réception d'une facture se montant à £1. 5. 0 pour l'achat d'une paire de chaussures pour Monsieur MERMET.

Je m'empresse, mon Révérend Père, de vous affirmer que cette facture ne m'est jamais parvenue. L'eusse-je reçue, je l'aurais immédiatement transmise à Monsieur AUFFRAY du Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris en le priant de bien vouloir vous rembourser de ce montant sur les reliquats du fonds créé pour nos malheureux compatriotes anciennement internés à Liverpool.

Ceci ne fait d'ailleurs que confirmer l'entretien téléphonique que j'ai eu il y a environ quatre ou cinq semaines avec le Révérend Père CHAIZE au cours duquel je lui disais de bien vouloir utiliser le restant du fonds spécial (£50. l. 6) en dépôt au Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris pour un appareil de surdité neuf et les besoins vestimentaires de Monsieur MERMET.

A la suite de cet entretien téléphonique et sur le point de m'absenter, j'en avais alors avisé Monsieur AUFFRAY qui devant lui même partir en vacances avait prié Monsieur PAYEN de régler toutes dépenses dans ce sens.

J'ai vu Monsieur AUFFRAY lundi et j'ai téléphoné / hier à Monsieur PAYEN, aucune facture n'a encore été présentée.

Vous pouvez donc d'une part vous faire rembourser des frais occasionnés par l'achat de la paire de chaussures et d'autre part faire régler par la Banque sur le reliquat des fonds les factures afférentes à l'achat d'un appareil de surdité et aux besoins vestimentaires de Monsieur MERMET.

Dois-je ajouter, mon Révérend Père, que, si je me suis intéressé au sort de nos compatriotes en tant que simple Français, une fois les fonds spécialement prévus et auxquels j'ai participé, étant épuisés, ceci ne saurait matériellement ou moralement

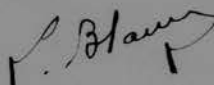
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engager en quoi que ce soit ma responsabilité.

C'est à dire/^{que} ou bien Monsieur MERMET devrait être à même de toucher une retribution, si légère soit-elle, pour le travail qu'il pourrait fournir ou bien que les représentants officiels des intérêts Français en Australie prennent en mains le sort de Monsieur MERMET, sujet Français.

Veuillez agréer, mon Révérend Père, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus respectueux.

Le Directeur Général:



Mr. L. H. Hays,
22-24 Madison St.,
Alexandria.

10 mai, 1904.

Cher Monsieur Hays,

Je vous remercie de votre lettre du 11. Elle m'a été adressée par votre ami, M. L. Hays, qui m'a dit que vous étiez un homme d'affaires et que vous étiez intéressé à la vente de la propriété de la ville d'Alexandria.

Ce n'est pas tout à fait ce que je voulais dire. Je voulais dire que je voulais acheter la propriété de la ville d'Alexandria et que je voulais la vendre à un prix élevé.

Je vous prie de m'envoyer la somme de 100,000 francs que je vous ai promise et de me la remettre à la fois.

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To:--Mr. R. Watson,
"Ahinsa",
5 Rawenga Rd.,
St. Helier's Bay, N.Z.

From:--C. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney, N.S.W.

May 16, 1944.

Dear Mr. Watson,

What ^{have} I to say to-day in reply to your letter of the 14th Mar. will, I fear, prove rather disappointing to you, as it is to me; but it will serve to corroborate my previous caution concerning the desperate irregularity of mails to and from Wallis Is. I took every likely opportunity to communicate with His Lordship Bishop Poncet, not forgetting to apprise him of your generous offer and its easy conditions of photo and letters of the student he might select as beneficiary of it, and here is what I have learned indirectly this very month--in a letter His Lordship had addressed to somebody else--that he was surprised not to have received any communication from me for over so long... And Mr. Pillion, who is in charge of the Seminary at Lano, Wallis Is, writes me: "Monsieur le Pape vous dire qu'il y a tres longtemps que nous n'avons rien recu de vous," I did not ^{yet} receive the letter in which the Bishop is supposed to have told me that.

It is all very disappointing. For I was just waiting for a reply accepting your adoption of a Seminarian before answering you. Wallis and Futuna are perhaps the most isolated spots in the Pacific. They are unimportant from a commercial point of view, and the war seems to have pretty well ignored them. At one time they were twenty months without news and provisions from outside. You and I are up against it. But I believe that it is all the more reason why we should persist. The process is slow, but the result will be there and the merit so much the greater.

I have to thank you for the excellent article you sent me as an enclosure with your last letter, "Sex Instruction in Schools". It is a wonderfully complete survey of a difficult subject. My hearty congratulations.

With sincere good wishes,
Yours devotedly in J.M.J.,

C. E. BERGERON, S.M.

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To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. A. Poncet, S.M.,
Wallis Is.,
Via:--DUMBA,
New Caledonia.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney, N.S.W.

17 mai, 1944.

Monseigneur,

Je suis luse à l'apprendre par le P. Fillion que vous n'avez reçu rien de moi depuis mon départ. Le fait est que j'ai écrit à Votre Excellence le 2 nov., et le 15 fev., sans avoir eu de réponse. Je vous prie de m'écrire à l'occasion des vacances d'été, et de m'indiquer les dates de votre absence Apostolique, pour que je puisse vous adresser mes salutations et de vous remercier. Est-ce que vous avez déjà vu le P. Procureur, ou si vous avez écrit à l'abbé, je vous prie de lui dire que vous avez quelques lettres de nouvelles. Les nouvelles de la guerre éclairent dans les circonstances, il faut se souvenir.

Cacher toujours que vous êtes intéressé par tout ce qui vous regarde votre paroisse et votre région. Une fois de plus, j'ai demandé la recitation matutinienne du "Miserere", soit avant les prières dites après dîner, soit le soir, soit les prières de reproche. La situation générale de la paroisse est assez mauvaise de nos Vicariats, nous dans celui de Mr. Aubin. Il reste toujours celui de Mr. Tadeu, qui sont vicariats, fort. Ils sont devenus tout de nos Pères, Pères et Sœurs? Vous en savez quelque chose? J'en ai écrit, cependant. Ici à Wallis, on parle de leur sort. Rien et notre bonne sera les protéger.

J'ai à vous communiquer l'avis d'un bon fait au P. de la paroisse, de "Marist Messenger", pour vous, en vue de l'acquisition d'un bâtiment de votre choix, --somme de £ 70. Ille vous sera remis car les parlementaires le permettront. Je vous prie de ne pas attendre, toutefois, car le montant est déjà versé, comme je l'ai dit, pour accuser acceptation à M. Robin Watson,

"Ahineu",
5 Ravena Road,
St. Helier's Bay,
Auckland, N.Z., qui desire adopter ce séminaire, aux

seules conditions faciles:--de son nom, d'une photo, d'un acte de foi, et de temps en temps d'une lettre que lui adresserait le séminariste. M. Watson a déjà fait un prêtre d'un jeune homme d'Irlande. L'avis de certains de nos Pères en N.Z., il se tourne vers les Iles. De plus il m'a demandé la formule pour laisser un montant suffisant dans son testament pour une bourse permanente pour un étudiant de Lano. C'est un brave homme bien recommandé par nos Pères.

Les voyages par "civils"--et nous sommes de ce nombre, n'étant pas militaires, est loin d'être facile de nos jours, et pour certains "civils" impossibles. Vous comprendrez donc la difficulté ou nous sommes de expédier des renforts. Presque tous les Vicariats, d'ailleurs sont dans la pénurie d'ouvriers, puisque depuis quatre ans les recrues sont retenues dans leurs pays d'origine. Certains Vicariats

To:--His Lordship
 Most Rev. A. Poncet, S.M.,
 Wallis Is.,
 Via:--H.M.S.,
 New Guinea.

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With a lot of love, yours,
Yours sincerely is J. J. J.

C. E. FLAGG, J. J. J.

From:--G. B. Bergeron, . . .

To:--Miss Lordship

West Rev. J. F. Lubin, S. S.,

Burns,

S. S. I.

Apr 28, 1944.

Considération,

Je vous remercie de votre lettre du 17 avril au sujet de P. de Thierbach, que je vous remercie d'avoir dans son dossier, tout en notant sa décision de quitter le service...

Vous avez toutes mes sympathies pour cette croix de guerre. Bien sûr, et du, ne puis vous avoir égaré et plus de 100 millions que vous avez à porter par la même occasion. Je vous réserve de grandes grâces et de grandes consolations. Je vous prie de préparer.

Avez-vous remarqué que le Père dit bien dans sa lettre du 17 avril qu'il n'a pas en l'île, qu'il est en l'île. Il se souvient bien, car c'est en Australie qu'il a écrit son autobiographie. Il devait venir pour deux semaines. Je ne sais s'il a été autorisé par les Hautes Autorités; je n'en ai eu aucune idée.

Les nouvelles des vôtres ne me vont pas. Il y a des bonnes; il y en a de très bonnes. Le P. de Thierbach est très bien. Son métier ne lui offre pas beaucoup de difficultés. En plus, il souffre de la fièvre. Pour un homme de sa taille il a cette fièvre. Les deux nouvelles en sont à leur troisième semaine. Il est très fatigué. Avec leurs deux confrères de la Province de la G. G., il est un véritable modèle. J'espère qu'ils pourront se séparer comme ils l'ont commencé. Mais il y a des indices que cela ne sera peut-être pas possible: car le P. de Thierbach, qui avait remplacé le P. de Thierbach à la ville est à l'hôpital depuis le 5 mai. Les tâches de la semaine les "weekends" en place; mais comme cela dure, il se pourrait bien que le Père se fatigue du service et il fait tout sur ses nerfs, et qu'il demande mieux. La maladie du P. de Thierbach n'a pas l'air très sérieuse -- complication de plusieurs maladies à la fois: diabète, polémique, une espèce de jaunisse, réduite sans doute par un traitement. Il va mieux pour le moment; ce n'est pas encore un rétablissement complet. Le P. de Thierbach dernier m'a demandé le P. de Thierbach pour faire un ministère ambulatoire parmi les Hollandais en Australie. La tâche et les heures sont conditionnées comme celle du P. de Thierbach. Je ne sais quand il entrera en fonctions. Le P. de Thierbach aimerait bien finir d'abord son noviciat. Le pourra-t-il? Il lui resterait deux à faire pour cela, et d'ici là, il pourrait bien se faire que les conditions passent par le High Commissioner soient levées. J'attends de lui une réponse à une requête en ce sens que je lui ai adressée il y a quelques semaines. Je vois dans le "PH" que nous pourrions avoir espoir, puisque des méthodistes et leur chef ont obtenu de lui permission de rentrer sous peu. Dès que j'aurai des nouvelles fraîches là-dessus, je m'empresserai de vous les communiquer.

Mais il y a hélas, certains PP. qui ne pourront pas reprendre tout de suite le chemin vers leur Mission: le P. de Thierbach, le P. de Thierbach (que les Docteurs déclarent ^{cité}permanemment incapable) et que le P. Weber

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refuse de recueillir dans sa province) et le P. Boudard, qui vient, d'après une lettre reçue ce matin du P. Geaney, d'être atteint de la maladie qu'il avait eue au Lacord-Covisat, emportant un bon espoir de guérison. Celui-ci nous sera sans doute ravi ici à Ville-Marie. Ah, vous n'êtes seul à voir des embarras: de la nourriture et le Couvent voisin nous en fournissent en complétant à nos besoins. Et nous avons accepté, par dévotion et par charité de recevoir au Couvent de PP. et de Frères du Verbe Divin nouvellement rachetés de la Ville P. que nous pouvons héberger, c'est-à-dire, deux. Toutes nos chambres seront occupées, mais certaines en double. Ils peuvent nous arriver d'un moment à l'autre. Hier on a passé la journée à travailler les lins et toutes les fournitures, dyes et soufreuses, etc.... C'est un moyen indirect de rendre au Bon Dieu ce que d'autres ont fait pour nos missionnaires évacués, et je le fais de tout coeur: la Providence nous aidera.

Le P. van Bechelen et le Fr. Georges vont bien: tout va bien. Geaney. On occupe le P. Beaulieu le mieux possible et c'est tout.

Le P. de Thoye, vicaire à la paroisse de Saint-Jean, est avec nous cette semaine pour faire sa retraite annuelle au même temps que les prêtres. Il se porte très bien, va en automobile et il n'est occupé avec sa paroisse, rendait admirablement partant au couvent.

Les bonjours aux Conférences.

A vous, Monsieur, l'expression de ma vive sympathie et de mes respectueux hommages.

Votre tout dévoué M. J. J.,

S. A. P. CHENIER, S. M.

Rev. Mother De Pazzi,
Presentation Convent,
Mount Erin,
Tarry, N.Y.

Aug 24, 1944.

Reverend and Dear Mother,

Your kind letter of enquiry concerning a priest available for your Juniorate at Hurter's Hill reached me late on the 14th, which made it possible for me to acknowledge and answer it sooner.

After consultation with Rev. Fr. J. Schuch, Superior of this Monastery, we can promise you a Chaplain for your Juniorate--for Mass and Confessions. His person may frequently change, but the Chaplain will be there and his post filled.

The fixed fees for such chaplaincy in the Archdiocese are \$100 per annum.

We shall also be able to give the annual retreats from the Villa Maria Monastery.

The Mass you have asked will be discharged to your intention as soon as possible, next open date.

We were told to-day that classes opened this morning at the Juniorate. May God bless the Teachers and their Juniors, as well as the great work of your Order in His Church.

I have not met any of the Sisters yet, but I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing them at "Little Holmes".

With respectful regards,

I am, Dear Reverend Mother,

Yours in J. J.,

May 22, 1944.

Dear Father Kelly,

I have a surprise for you; and hope you will like it. You may have heard that we are going to harbour some twelve advanced "Prisoners, Brothers and Sisters," of the Divine Word, at Villa Maria. They are now at Brisbane, and may be here any time. Such an influx will tax the old monastery to its utmost capacity. The thought came to me that if Brother Michael were still be of use to you, you may have him at St. John's College further notice. I am writing to him now to tell him of this. I do not know how that he will take it too hard. However, you know he is so hard can be put off indefinitely.

We are all well here. The Barred Sisters are six months' vacation now awaiting the last two months of their probation with difficulty. Yesterday they closed their third retreat.

I hope you all well and happy as ever. Best wishes to all.

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

May 22, 1944.

Dear Brother Michael,

You may have heard that we are to receive here and harbour for a time twelve advanced "Prisoners of the Divine Word," evacuated from the United States. I am all the full capacity of the old monastery. So I thought that it may be of further use at St. John's College, for which they may be a while longer until Villa Maria is less strained. I am sure Fr. Kelly, to whom I am writing about this, will only be too glad to have you at the College, where you have done good work lately, as I hear.

We shall not forget you, and let any opportunity arise it comes of returning to your mission pass you by me unadvised.

Trusting that you are now fully recovered from your late indisposition, and wishing you God's best.

I am, dear Brother,

Yours faithfully in J. J. J.,

Mr. J. Hill,
Roof Sl. for J. Hiller,
425 Blaxton St.,
Lyde, N.S.W.

Aug 31, 1944.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to acknowledge this receipt
from the National Security -- or Organisation of Industry -- for the
re-roofing of cottages at 50 Mary St., under the "11" the substance of
which I am enclosing.

So the work may now proceed.

With regards,

Yours J. Hill.

Don:--F. J. BERNARD, S. J.,

TO:--Rev. Al. Julian, S. J.,
Canal-du-Sarond,
Santo,
New Hebrides.

21 mai, 1944.

Cher Confrère,

Voilà votre lettre reçue, et je vous en remercie. Elle m'a fait beaucoup de plaisir, et je suis sûr qu'elle vous en fera autant. Je vous envoie par ce courrier quelques lignes de réponse, et j'espère que vous recevrez bientôt la suite. Je vous prie de m'écrire quand vous aurez le temps, et de me dire comment vous allez. Je vous embrasse de tout coeur.

Il n'est pas de doute que vous avez beaucoup de travail, et que vous êtes très occupé. Mais je suis sûr que vous ne négligez pas votre vie spirituelle, et que vous continuez à vous perfectionner. Je vous prie de m'écrire quand vous aurez le temps, et de me dire comment vous allez. Je vous embrasse de tout coeur.

Le personnel de Villa Paro est toujours bien, et je suis sûr qu'ils vous ont bien reçu. Je vous prie de m'écrire quand vous aurez le temps, et de me dire comment vous allez. Je vous embrasse de tout coeur.

Tous allons embrasser le message de la Vierge, et je suis sûr qu'elle vous en fera autant. Je vous prie de m'écrire quand vous aurez le temps, et de me dire comment vous allez. Je vous embrasse de tout coeur.

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F. J. BERNARD, S. J.

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17 Mars, 1904.

Monsieur,

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Les autres ne sont que des femmes, et elle est la seule.

J'ai bien l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,
votre dévoué et fidèle serviteur.

G. J. Bertrac, S. L.

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BISHOP BRESSON

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From:--G. J. Ferguson, J. W.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

June 5, 1948.

I remain, Dear Father Gurney,

Yours sincerely in J. J. J.

C. S. RICHMOND, S. M.

5 July 1944.

G. S. BERGELON, S. M.

COPY OF CABLEGRAM SENT TO

BISHOP*ELIOT FOLEY, June 15/44

Father Foley

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Congratulations and all good wishes from self and Community
here.....Keep me informed of place and time of Celebration

Barbara.

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NEW BISHOP

MOST REV. VICTOR FOLEY, S.M., VICAR-APOSTOLIC
OF FIJI.

News has come of the nomination of Father Victor Foley, S.M., as Titular Bishop of Pitinesso and Vicar-Apostolic of Fiji in succession to the Late Most Rev. Charles Joseph Nicolas, S.M.

The Bishop-Elect was born in the Diocese of Southwark, England, thirty-five years ago, on June 17, 1909. He made his Ecclesiastical studies at Paignton, Devon, in Lyons, France, and at Differt, Belgium. He entered the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) at Paignton, on October 3, 1930, and was ordained to the priesthood at Differt, on February 23, 1936, and the following year, in January, passed through Sydney on his way to Fiji, where he has been a Missionary these seven years.

The place and date of Doctor Foley's Consecration have not yet been announced.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.U.D.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

June 26, 1944.

Your Excellency,

I beg to inform you that

I have received this morning the following Cable from

Bishop Foley, Suva:-- dated the 24th.--

"Consecration at Suva August 6th Bishop Bernard Consecrator
Bishops Wade Bresson coconsecrators hope you here
Foley"

I shall try to finalise all arrangements for the voyage
to Fiji, the preliminaries of which are all settled and were only
awaiting this information.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient son in J. .J. .

copy.

June 26, 1944.

BISHOP FOLEY
SUVA

THANKS FIXING TO COME
BERGERON.

Copy

June 27, 1944

Monseigneur Bresson

Noumea

Serait-il possible vous accompagner
de Noumea au sacre
Bergeron.

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--His Lordship Bishop T.J.Wade, S.M.,
La Conception,
Noumea, New Caledonia.

June 28, 1944.

My Lord,

You may have wondered why I did not reply sooner to your letter of the 2nd April; but the wonder will cease and give place to a satisfied, "Ah, when I tell you that it arrived here as lately as the 22nd of this month of June. You are never sure chronologically of anything nowadays.

However, your kind thought of Easter wishes to your friends is much appreciated. On our end, our thoughts and prayers for you and your afflicted personnel are a daily part of rule and duty. And when will it all come to an end? And what will have become of those missionaries who could not be evacuated? I do not trust the rumors about any of them being dead. So many such rumors have fortunately proved unfounded, for instance, Bobby and some Ch/ina-men we know. No doubt the reality, when it is revealed, will be sad enough. One thing we know, for we are in frequent correspondence with him, is that Fr. Binois is safe and sound, what there is of him, poor man, and that some, but not all, of the goods we tried to send him have reached him. Our fellow-citizens have greatly helped him, and even a Chaplain lately came on purpose to absolve him after so many months of isolation. We address our letters to him as follows:.....N.

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British Solomon Is.

Mr. Seaton is the D.O. in those parts, but we have not found his generous offer of assistance in the forwarding of goods to Fr. Binois, c/o of him very effective, probably because his trips are necessarily few and far between. We simply use the above address and trust to Providence, then any conveyance offering is an opportunity for delivery.

I hope you will not send any of your men to Sydney just now. And here is the reason why. We have offered to receive at Villa Maria twelve evacuated Fathers and Brothers of the Divine Word--the latest from New Guinea. God has been so good to our evacuees of the Solomons that we could do no less to pay off a portion of our debt of gratitude to Him by like charity to other unfortunate missionaries. They are expected any moment now, as soon as they are discharged from hospital in Brisbane. Villa Maria will then be full to bursting. And, as happens in such cases, just as soon as I had made that offer through the Delegate, not foreseeing an undue number of sick ^{your men} coming from anywhere ~~among our own~~, there came as by common consent and conspiracy five (not counting your own) applications for rooms here. One had to be taken in, Fr. D. Coicaud. He was urgently entered into Mater M. Hospital, but he will soon be back here for a long convalescence. Other cases that can wait were asked to wait. And that is how we stand at present, for we cannot go back on our given word to the Delegate and the Fathers

of the Divine Word. A number of those evacuees may soon find posts in the Archdiocese and leave Villa Maria, making room for others, then I shall advise you and such of your missionaries as need rest and treatment may come along, and they will be welcome until they are fit again to resume their duties.

I do not know whether you will get this before you go to the Consecration of Bishop Foley--in which case I hope to tell you all by word of mouth, for I am fixing to be there, if I have better *luck* ~~chance~~ this year than last year with the Centenary of N.C. Mission. There are so many things we cannot set down in writing these unfortunate days, and the meeting with four Bishops in one spot at the same time, what a splendid opportunity. What talkfestu we may look forward to. The whole double Community here are praying that this time I shall find transportation somehow, direct or indirect, by land, by sea or by air. On Fr. Ove's advice I waited until this time because he wanted me to take on the annual retreats which are usually held about the middle of the year. It was Providential, for the appointment of Mgr. Foley and his Consecration will be a wonderful kick-off for the visitation, which I intend to make at all events, even if I cannot connect in time for the 6th Aug. Here's hoping to meet you soon.

Fr. Nicolas is now very well again and on the job. Fr. Allotte keeps very fit all the time. He does not annoy anyone, speaks little, ~~chuckles~~ chuckles a bit now and then at a good joke, but merely shrugs a shoulder at one he does not fully approve. Bishop Foley's appointment has aroused his suspicions that a certain class are slipping out of the picture. He hinted at that, very mildly and only once. Fr. D. Coicand suddenly developed sciatica, jaundice, and whatnot. His fever and jaundice were duly treated, yet he remained a sick man. He was X-rayed, and it was found that his gallbladder needed for an operation. When taken out it was real bag of marbles. That relieved him a bit. But he still remained a sick man. And it was found out that he had a very low supply of red corpuscles in his blood. So a transfusion was made a couple of days ago, and now he remains apparently still a sick man, for he frets over the ~~possibility~~ *possibility* that the blood they gave him may have come from a communist--and there you are. Everybody else is normal physically and mentally, thank God. Fr. O'Sullivan is prosperous looking, Fr. Hurley, who saw him last week, reports. He has turned in £ 200 (received for services) which Fr. Nicolas has entered duly for him against his return to his Mission.

Fr. Hurley while he was at Brisbane bought a property for an Apostolic School for Australian vocations. Another step in the right direction--even if forced on him. When my time is over as Provincial you may find my name on the Faculty there--going back to the beginning, as it were.

With all good wishes,

I remain, My Lord,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Presentation Convent,
"Nagle Holme",
Hunter's Hill.

June 29, 1944.

Reverend Mother De Sales,

Please accept my apologies for delaying so long in replying to your request of the 23rd June.

I should feel honoured to accept the post of Extraordinary Confessor to your Community, but in the circumstances, which you will duly appreciate, I must disappoint you. For I am on the eve of a prolonged visitation of the Vicariate of Miji--I may leave any day now, and be absent for at least five months. I am sure you will have no difficulty of finding a more worthy substitute.

Yet I feel that after all you went through in founding a new House you must find this an added inconvenience, and I regret it. Your kind invitation to visit your "Nagle Holme" is appreciated, and I shall try to avail myself of it one of these days.

With wishes for God's blessings upon you and your new work,
I am, Dear Mother,

Yours sincerely in J.C.S.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
VILTO, Maria,
Humber's Hill,
N.S.W.

To:--Rev. J. Durning, S.M.,
OKATO,
Taranaki,
N.Z.

June 30, 1944.

Dear Father Durning,

In reply to your inquiry re Marist Medical Mission Society as it exists here I can, in strict confidence, give you the following data, which you may use, with such modifications as you judge may fit your circumstances best.

Our Nurses are:--a) fully qualified Nurses;
b) of mature age, 30 or above;
c) volunteers of exemplary character;
d) Catholic, and generally incorporated in Third Order of Mary.

They volunteer without pay, but not for any definite number of years of service, as the climate in the Solomons respects no such contract. Their traveling expenses are paid by the M.M.S. Society (of which later), so are their other expenses while they are in the field, their return fare, medical care--if needed--for a reasonable period of time.

The Marist Medical Mission Society was founded by Bishop Wade, under the high patronage of the Apostolic Delegate (Bernardini at the time, 1935) after a written permission had been obtained for the foundation of it from His Grace Archbishop Kelly,--not without many explanations and much insistence on the part of Bishop Wade. Its membership fees--£ 1.1.0 a year per--and many functions held every year make up the ordinary means of support of the Nurses. Its President is an outstanding Catholic Doctor, who volunteers to keep it going, with a committee of energetic workers under the live-wire direction of the Chief Nurse, who reluctantly came out of the Missions to devote her energies to inspire the movement all along, and to select any new Nurses offering. At present all the Nurses are back from the field, and most of them are in war hospitals until peace returns, when they will, I am sure, resume their posts in the Solomons, both North and South.

(2 general meetings a year)
We have been extremely blessed in the Nurses selected to date: they have been exemplary in conduct and invaluable in their medical assistance. The one trouble was that they were always so few for the work that demanded constant expansion. Bishop Wade, needless to say, was very attentive to their wants material and spiritual. Yet in spite of that they had to put up with many privations, which they accepted with truly edifying cheerfulness.

God bless them.

May you be blessed with a whole corps of such devoted helpers. Ours have a whole-time job, and undertake no catechetical work.

With all good wishes,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

Mr. W. J. O'Sullivan,
2 A Bridge St.,
Hurstville.
N.S.W.

July 4, 1944.

Dear Brother O'Sullivan,

Such as I would like to be present at the Senatus Meeting of the Legion in Melbourne, on 17-18 July, I regret that it will be impossible for me to avail myself of the thoughtful invitation of the President of the Comitium, as I must embark just about that time for the Consecration of the new Bishop of Fiji and the visitation of that vicariate. Means of transportation are so scarce and difficult to obtain nowadays that I do not dare forfeit the one chance given me after prolonged negotiations of fulfilling this duty incumbent upon me as the Provincial of the Mariet Missions.

Nor can any of the members of the Junior Praesidium of which I am the Spiritual Director, at St. Michael's Hostel--our laity of the Angels--interrupt their courses at the Teachers' College, University, to be present.

I trust that the President of the Comitium will appreciate our position and accept our apologies. The prayers of our Praesidium will be with the fortunate members meeting in Senatus in Melbourne.

Yours sincerely in J. I. J.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. Halbert, S.M.,
Vila,
New Hebrides.

4 juillet, 1944.

Monsseigneur,

Votre bonne lettre écrite pendant votre voyage au cours du mois de juin m'a donné la nostalgie:--des charmants Confreres que vous y nommez, P.P. Mancoral, Maillon, Genevet, etc.etc., des ilots féeriques, de rêves, que vous y énumérez et que j'ai vus.... Vao, Vao, etc.etc. C'est à faire oublier les désagréments des voyages qu'il faut faire pour les visiter, les fièvres qui vous y guettent. Est-ce que les îles de Banks et de Torres sont au si belles que leurs sœurs méridionales de votre Vicariat? Ont-elles aussi le microbe de la malaria? Nos félicitations d'avoir fait la visite de ces îles et d'y avoir fait poindre la lumière de la foi. Si vos populations n'étaient pas si disparates d'origine, il serait peut-être possible, comme dans certains Vicariats d'y trouver quelques familles émigrées catholiques, noyaux d'où pourraient surgir quelques catechistes pour les reunir, les instruire, les former en chretiennes desiruses d'avoir leur Missionnaire...

Depuis que je vous ai écrit, Miji "Abbot Pontificien"--M. Victor Foley, 35 ans, Anglais de naissance, 7 ans dans la Mission. On a eu attendre qu'il ait acquis ses 35 ans avant de le proposer, car il est "outstanding", paraît-il. Son sacre aura lieu le 6 août. Vous savez, sans doute, que Messieurs Dransard, Erard et Gada se rendront à Suva pour officier. J'ai un petit rayon d'espoir de pouvoir m'y rendre aussi, et à temps... à moins que des priorités ne viennent me prendre ma place; mais j'irai quand même, même après le sacre, pour faire la visite de la Mission. Oh, c'est comme de voyager de nos jours. Un jeune Missionnaire de l'île Nouvelle-Hébrides depuis plus de six mois à Tonga, était encore au dernières nouvelles,--lettre du R.P. Geaney,--détenu dans son pays. Et cependant, il y en a qui vont et viennent, surtout des Secours, apparemment sans grandes difficultés.

Les Missionnaires de M. Aubin n'ont pas encore obtenu permis de rentrer dans leur Mission. Une dernière lettre-supplique adressée au H.C. du Western Pacific est restée sans réponse. Ce Monsieur, qui a daigné m'accorder la permission d'aller à Miji, m'y attend peut-être, pour discuter de vive voix cette question si portante pour notre personnel épuisé des S. du S.

Nous sommes tous assez bien à Villa Maria. Dieu merci.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsseigneur, l'expression de ma vive estime.

Votre tout dévoué en J. M. J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--

G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. M. McMahon, S.M.,
Lewisham Rest House,
Cashmere Hills,
Christ church,
N.Z.

July 5, 1944.

Dear Father McMahon,

Thank you for your letter of the 18 June and the good news it brought concerning your health. Let us hope that you will not look back, as they say, that you are definitely on the mend. Father Geaney has indeed been wonderful to all our evacuees. You owe him a great debt of gratitude. And if you can be of any use to him, filling a post for him however modest, you have my permission to accept work proportionate to your strength. I know you are no shirker; but I do advise you not to overdo it. Work in measure will give you an interest in life and buck you up.

We have not yet received the Divine Word missionaries that were to come here, for they were so exhausted when they landed at Brisbane, that they were entered into hospital, and have not yet been discharged from them. They are eventually coming. However, I shall see how I can place them and make room at Villa Maria. If then you feel like it you may come and settle here, and welcome.

Winter came suddenly upon us, and jolted us with its first unexpected cold. It has become milder since and is giving us a spell to recuperate from our neuralgia, rheumatism and colds. Only one of us, a Second-voice has been laid up for almost a month and entered at the Mater M. Hospital. He is coming out to-day. Fr. J. Coicand's was a case of another nature altogether. He suddenly became a repository of diseases:--sciatica, gall-stones, malaria and whatnot. He has been in the hospital two months to-day and may remain there indefinitely, unless they put him out of it. He was treated for everything that called for treatment, even got a transfusion of blood, and should be well. But he does not re-act one bit. It takes about nine and a half minutes to get him going. He will have to get a move on before he is allowed to go back to Buna, where he says he wants to go.

Hoping to hear good news from you and wishing you God's blessing,

I remain,

Yours sincerely in J.H.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Sister M. Elie, S.M.S.M.,
St. Theresa's Convent,
48 Aurora Tce.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

July 5, 1944.

Ma chere Soeur M. Elie,

Soyez tranquille: il me semble bien que vous n'avez recue reception de la lettre dont vous me parlez. Je vous remercie de celle que je viens de recevoir de vous--celle du 29 mai. J'y vois que vous etes en bonne sante, et j'en rends grace a Dieu. Tachez de garder vos forces pour le retour--encore, hélas, bien eloigne. Que pouvons-nous y faire? Notre foi nous assure que rien n'arrive sans la permission de la Providence, qui s'y connaît bien mieux que nous.

Je constate que vous etes toujours la meme ardente; mais pas toujours patiente. Ainsi vous regrettez de n'avoir pas profite d'une occasion de pousser jusqu'en Amerique. Je me demande ce que vous auriez fait, la. Nulle autre Soeur S.M.S.M. n'est rentree en Amerique. Et je vous vois enfermee a Bedford... le plus loin possible de votre Mission; sans bateau pour revenir. Car, mettez-le vous bien dans la tete: il n'y a point de bateaux pour les civils, et cela depuis au moins trois ans. Autre chose, dont il faut bien vous convaincre: les religieuses seront les dernieres a rentrer dans leurs Missions. Non, il n'y a pas eu de retour des Peres. Quelques-uns ont essaye, par voie indirecte; ils ont ete renvoyes et sont actuellement au ~~ministere~~ ministere chez Mgr. Bresson. Vous les y verrez, ainsi que Sa Grandeur Mgr. Wade. Celui-ci est bien remis physiquement; mais au moral il souffre beaucoup des miseres de ceux et de celles qu'il a du laisser derriere.

J'ai trouve dans les livres de la Procure que vous avez recu:--
1941. Dec. 17--de Mrs A. Kelley, Singleton, 1.
May 29--de Mlle Kelly, for flour, 1.15.0
July 4--" " " " " 1.5.0

Dans la meme annee le P. Procureur vous a envoye de la marchandise, le farine, sans doute, Goods, freight, etc., 5.2.6

Il vous reste donc:----- 10. 17. 6.

Et quand on aura donne a Mere M. Rose les 17/-, il vous restera une balance de six pence. Pas la peine de vous l'envoyer. Vous allez dire que je me moque de vous. Il faut bien rire un peu de temps en temps. Enfin, vous n'etes pas en dette.

La Soeur M. Fabien est arrivee apres un bon voyage.

J'ai remis votre petit mot a Bobby. Le pauvre est dans le malheur; sa Marguerite a attrappe une pneumonie et se trouve a l'hopital. D'abord le medecin n'avait pas d'espoir, et elle fut extremisee. Mais elle a repris et se trouve maintenant hors de danger.

Dieu vous accorde, ma chere Soeur, ses benedictions. Et je vous souhaite de vieillir un peu--de laisser votre caractere attrapper votre age,--de ne pas perdre patience et de croire fermement a la Bonne Providence.

Bien a vous en J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

M. André Brenac,
Délégué au Comité Français
de la Libération Nationale,
60 Hunter St.,
Sydney.

10 juillet, 1944.

En réponse
AB/PD
No. 14/332.

Monsieur le Délégué,

J'ai bien l'honneur de
vous accuser réception de votre communication du 6 juillet, appor-
tant que vous êtes autorisé par le Gouverneur de la Nouvelle Calédonie
à m'accorder le visa d'entrée dans cette Colonie.

Veuillez agréer mes remerciements et cordiales salutations,
à l'expression de mes sentiments respectueux.

Provincial des Forces Armées en Occéanie.

Very Rev. Gabriel H. Pausback, O. Carm.,
Carmelite Priory,
Brisbane,
Ald.

July 11, 1944.

Very Reverend and Dear Father Gabriel,

Father Schumhr and I were glad to receive word from you and to learn that you have got over your bad cold.

Your visit gave us great pleasure, which turned almost to boisterous joy when you told us of your missionary intention. May Providence prosper your plans. They have our entire good-will and prayers.

I fondly hope that you will again come to see us, and that by that time you will have something definite as first steps towards Carmelite mission activity in the vast field of the Pacific.

Believe me, Dear Reverend Father,

Yours sincerely in J.C.S.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. J.M. Boudard, S.M.,
Home of Compassion,
Island Bay,
N.Z.

July 11, 1944.

Bien cher Pere Boudard,

Votre bonne lettre du 14 juin est restee bien longtemps sans reponse--il y a juste trois semaines qu'elle attend sur ma table. C'est que par les temps qui courent on ne fait pas toujours ce que l'on veut et quand on le veut, mais bien plutot ce que l'on peut et comme on le peut. Que de jours j'ai perdus, par exemple, a faire des demarches preparatoires au voyage que je desirerais faire au Sacre de Mgr. Foley, le nouvel Eveque de Fiji. Le plus penible dans de telles demarches, c'est qu'elles ne reussissent pas: c'est toujours a recommencer. Il n'est pas facile de nos jours de s'absenter: pas de bateaux ou autres moyens de transport pour les "civils"--ca c'est nous.

Ayant explore toutes les voies auxquelles j'ai pu penser jusqu'ici, je me repose aujourd'hui avant d'en chercher d'autres, et je profite de ce repos pour vous ecrire.

Vous avez ete malade. Qui ne l'a pas ete? Et avec vos longues annees de Mission, la malaria et le "flu" vous avez eu un mauvais moment. Mais votre lettre me rassure: elle porte l'emprunte d'un recouvrement complet. Le R.P. Geaney, a qui nous devons deja tant, s'est montre vraiment paternel a votre egard. Chez les Bonnes Religieuses du Home of Compassion, et en compagnie de votre Confrere le P. van Mechelin, vous trouverez le repos necessaire et la compagnie sympathique qui vous relvera de la fatigue de l'isolement, jusqu'au jour ou il vous sera permis a tous de rentrer dans le travail dans votre Mission bien-aimee. Je garde votre secret, et je prie tous les jours pour vous. Tachez d'oublier en vous donnant de l'occupation.

Le P. Donatien a ete, et est encore, plus eprouve que vous. Il y a plus de deux mois qu'il est a Mater M. Hospital, atteint de malaria, de sciastique, de jaunice, de "flu", de pierres dans la "Gall-bladder" et d'appendicite. On l'a gueri des premieres afflictions, on lui a enleve la "Gall-bladder", on doit l'operer bientot pour lui couper l'appendix. C'est dire qu'il a ete bien malade, et qu'il ne sortira pas de sitot de la clinique. Comme il aura une longue convalescence, il se demande quand il sera en etat de reprendre son poste a Buna.

Les autres sont bien. Votre ancien Vicairer surtout est tout a fait remis de ses fatigues, et court la Capitale en motocelette, faisant le service comme Vicairer a Manly. Les Novices auront fini leur Second-Noviciat le 2 d'aout, puis trouveront a s'occuper lucrativement en attendant l'heure tant desiree du rectur.

Veuillez saluer de ma part le P. van Mechelen et la R. Mere Cecilia, que j'ai eu le plaisir de rencontrer ici il y a quelques mois.

Bon courage, cher Confrere, et croyez-moi,

Votre tout devoue en J.H.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

The Deputy Director
Rationing Commission,
Dymocks Building,
SYDNEY.

July 11, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I have selected materials of
MARK FOY'S LTD for a cassock or soutane, which is an exclusively
ecclesiastical garment. Kindly refer to the accompanying note
from MARK FOY'S LTD, giving particulars and stating that they can
supply same, coupon free, if you will be so kind as to allow them to
release the materials--for the ecclesiastical purposes mentioned above.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

From: --G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To: --Sister M. Rosita, S.M.S.M.,
Hopital Francais,
Canal du Second,
M.H.

12 juillet, 1944.

Chere Soeur M. Rosita,

It took your letter of May 9th until the 1st July to get here, but it came all right; and I thank you for it. Also, I thank God that you had a safe trip over, and that you are now well satisfied with your new post. Canal du Second must be so different from what I knew it to be; but still, it must not have changed very much around the church and the school and the hospital, and what a beautiful spot it was when I knew it, and so quiet, so neat, by the slowly flowing waters of the Canal. It's a place like that I should like to go to when I get old and am due to retire. But that is not yet...

Now Anabron is not anyway so lovable. Besides it is too old and dilapidated, with only a muddy flat below on one side, and wild scrub on the land side. Montmartre is not bad, except the smell of the place, which when I was there was all-pervading. You know, I find a peculiar smell about every place I go to, and it remains with me so distinctive that years after leaving a town, I get a reminder of it by some strange odor that suddenly arises from nowhere but immediately awakens a locality in my memory. Van Buren was no exception, with its shingle mills and the smell of new-sawn timber.

I don't wonder that you felt rather funny as you assisted at that first operation. I should surely have done the same. But, as you say, you can get used to everything, and you'll soon be hardened to cuts and blood and all the sights and sounds of a hospital, and you will be able to keep purity of intention and charitable ministrations in the midst of it all.

Thank you for Eudora's Picture. May he rest in peace. I shall give him a regular place in my mementoes.

Give Fr. Jahan, R. Mother Alexis and the Sisters my kind regards. You have my best wishes for God's choicest blessings upon you.

Yours devotedly in J.H.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

P.S.--I give no news from Villa Maria. There are none outstanding. Besides, some of the Sisters will supply anything in that line that light interest you.

G.E.B.

Mr. S.D.C. Kennedy,
20 Spencer St.,
Fivedock.

July 12, 1944.

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I take the liberty of approaching you on a matter not much in your line, perhaps, but where I think you can be of invaluable help to me.

Here is the situation. I am for the moment, as you know, the Provincial Superior of all the Marist Missions in the Pacific and in the present circumstances of war action in that jurisdiction with the powers of our Superior General by delegation. I am Bishop has been appointed for Fiji, Fr. Victor Volcy, S.M., who is to be consecrated at Suva on the 6th August next. Immediately this was notified me, I have made preparation to be present there to represent our Superior General and the Society of Mary. I have secured all the permits needed from the Military Authorities, the American Consulate (I am an American Citizen) and the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (to enter the Crown Colony of Fiji)--all in order. Passage on Military or Naval ships is denied me; but there is a frequent service of a Commercial line of cargo boats with a restricted number of berths for civilians, the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., (O'Connell St., Sydney),--the only such line from Sydney to Fiji.

I applied for reservation on a ship that would take me to Fiji before the 6th August. There were at the time two sailings that were sure to make that date. I was told, however, that owing to a long waiting list of proposed passengers, booking on the first of these, which was expected to sail on the 11th, there was little hope. More hope was held out for possible booking for the second sailing, about the 21st of this month. I was invited to call in again, in a week's time, when more definite information would be given me. The week was over last Monday, and I called at the C.S.R. Office. No further information had come to hand, and I was put off for another week, and I could see that they held out very little hope of taking me on for the sailing scheduled for the 21st.

Now here is where you come in. In conversation on these disappointments with Dr. Woodbury, he told me that I ought to get in touch with you; for as you are a close friend of Mr. Forde, our Federal Minister, you might ask him urge the C.S.R. to grant me priority of passage to Fiji on this ship of theirs to sail on about the 21st July.

Hoping that my request will not too greatly inconvenience you and that a word from you to Mr. Forde will satisfactorily arrange matters, I remain, Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Yours faithfully,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. Brother Chanel, S.M.,
Highden,
Palmerston North,
N.Z.

July 12, 1944.

Dear Brother Chanel,

Thanks for your letter of the 11th June received here on the 7th inst.

I am glad to know that you are keeping well and in the same good dispositions. Attasboy. But there is absolutely no hope yet of our Missionaries going back to the Field for some time. Whoever told you that some Anglican missionary women had got back? That is not true. I had to look into that matter from every angle, for I have not remained idle all this time, and there is not one case of such a return to the Solomons. A couple of Nurses have been allowed to re-enter, but only as Nurses; and we could have obtained the same concession. Only none of our Fathers or Brothers will claim that, they are Nurses. And though some of the Sisters are qualified Nurses, they will not be allowed to go back until there are Fathers there first to take care of them materially and spiritually. Another thing, the Nurses that go back are placed under a Medical Officer's authority--a situation which for obvious reasons we cannot accept.

You may be sure that I have explored every avenue of return, and there is none open yet. As soon as one is found, we shall take it without further delay.

All the Missionaries here are well, except Fr. B. Coicand, who has been more than two months in the Hospital, rather a sick man, suffering from a multiplicity of diseases that have broken out on him, and at once, the day he contracted a bad case of the 'Flu. It will be a long convalescence with him. He is in no danger, however, and for that I thank God and have great hopes that he will again some day resume his work in the Solomons.

Wishing you, Dear Brother, God's choicest blessings, and hoping to hear from you again, I remain,

Yours fraternally in J.M.J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

Phonogram

Night Cable----- in reply to Fr. O'Grady's Cable.

(July 13, 1944)

Fr. O'Grady
Suva

Have not left yet

Transportation for date of consecration still
doubtful

Bergeron

From:--G. A. Bergeon, S.M.,

To:--Mr. W. Howard Johnson,
Saint Mary's Guest House,
Techy,
Ill., U.S.A.

July 13, 1944.

Dear Fr. Johnson,

Your two letters re letters of our blessed, one written on the 8th May and the other on the 20th of the same month, were received here, the first on the 14th June and the second on the 17th July. You will observe that you wrote your second letter long before the first one reached its destination. This reminds us that there is a war on, and that the normal regular mail service between our two countries no longer exists and that we must expect delayed answers.

You will appreciate that in a matter of such public importance as the one you urge--the transfer of authentic letters by post or other ^{public} means of delivery, all of which are these days subject to inspection and censorship, I should demur.

I can only suggest that you wait the end of the war and then make your application to our Superior General, Father Verbeke, who is the custodian of our letters. We have indeed some very precious letters of St. Chancel, but we are also curiously recording new houses, which, you will understand, have priority in the distribution.

We shall inaugurate another step forward in our friendship with the Society of the Divine Word this week, when we take into our monastery here the first five of our sisters and one brother of our recent converts from New Guinea. They have now recovered sufficiently from the effects of their terrible privations and have been discharged from hospital at Brisbane, and will be on their way here any time now, so very Rev. Fr. Van der Meer, their Superior in Australia, warned me. We shall try to make them feel at home and forget their late hardships.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely G. A. Bergeon,

Provincial of the
Christ Mission.

Rev. Mother Thomas,
Marist Convent,
Coolwich, N.S.W.

July 31, 1944.

Reverend Dear Mother,

Please find enclosed a receipt for your handsome remittance of £ 1000., as part refund of your loan of £ 2400, leaving a Balance of £ 1400.

While I sincerely thank you for your cheque, I thank God with you for the blessings He has so generously bestowed upon you and your devoted Sisters as to enable you to reduce so soon the heavy burden you had been obliged to assume to carry on in a difficult pass due to the war. The emergency seems passed, and you remain the richer by another important foundation. Congratulations.

The voyage to Fiji is still in suspense--no means of transportation having been found in spite of many intricate efforts and much wire-pulling. I almost despair of being able to get to Suva before the 6th Aug. Thanks all the same for your prayers, they will not be in vain, for the visitation will certainly take place--some time.

With prayers for God's continued protection and blessings upon you, Mother, upon your Community and your Charges,

Yours respectfully in J.M.J.,

Rev. J. Theil, M.S.C.,
The Mission Procurator,
Waltham St., Coogee.

July 31, 1944.

Reverend Dear Father Theil,

Father Nicolas has shown me your kind note of the 19th and I asked him to allow me to acknowledge it and thank you personally for your delicate attention in advising us of Mr. Tonjes' safety.

While I thank you sincerely for this, I wish to congratulate you and your Order on the safe rescue of more of your missionaries from New Britain. May there be more such escapes. Evidently, they have all suffered much and arrive in Australia quite exhausted; still they are alive, and with the care they are sure to receive here, they will recover and will again be counted among the workers of the future. And God knows that our Missions in the Pacific will have need of them.

The four Fathers of the Divine Word, and the one Brother, who received here yesterday knew of Mr. Tonjes' escape; but they could not give us any details of it. It seems, too, that both Mr. Tonjes and the Military Authorities wish to say nothing about that now; for there is hope of more being rescued in the same way. We shall hear it all from the Father himself when he is discharged from the hospital and comes on to Sydney. Even then, I have decided to keep this out of the papers, even the Catholic weekly until it is all over.

Believe me, Dear Father Procurator,

Yours gratefully in J. . . .

Provincial.

Major C.J.Engle,A.G.D.,
HQ USAFFE
A.P.O. 501.

July 23, 1944.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for informing me of recovery of Rev. Bernard Joseph TONJES, S. J. from enemy territory and of his present address, where he is being rehabilitated.

When Father Tonjes is discharged from the Hospital he may be sent down to Villa Maria Monastery, at the above address, which is our headquarters for the Mariist Missions in the Pacific, and where all further responsibility for him will be assumed.

As Provincial Superior of the Mariist Missions I feel deeply grateful for all the favors accorded our Missionaries in the area.

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Mariist Missions in
the Pacific.

Rev. R. O'Sullivan, S.M.,
EX--56104
Camp Staff,
Enoggera, Qld.

July 23, 1944.

Dear Father O'Sullivan,

I have no time to say much; but that much will deeply interest you.

Fr. Tonjes is in your neighbourhood:-- c/o Lt. Col. R. B. McClear,
HQ--USAMF
APO 501,
P.O., San Francisco.

and desires to be visited by a Marist Confessor.

Official notification that he is at the above address came yesterday as well as a letter from himself. He is being rehabilitated--a process which may take a month or two. Then I hope he will be able to come down to us here.

Now, you will excuse me. I have so many letters to write these days, prior to my intended departure for Fiji--which by the way is still in suspense--and so many other calls upon me, that I am getting chronically dizzy.

Hope you are keeping well. Brother Michael, who saw you not so long ago, said that you looked in the pink. That's right.

Our Community has been augmented by the arrival last Thursday of four Fathers and one Brother of the Divine Word, whom we have undertaken to keep here as long as may be necessary. But the old Monastery will be somewhat relieved shortly by the departure of our four Second-Novices, who will be free as from the 2nd Aug.

Believe me, dear Father,

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

Rev. B. Tonjes, S.M.,
c/o Lt. Col. R. B. McClear,
HQ--USAFPE
a p o --501.

July 23, 1944.

Dear Father Tonjes,

It was not your letter that gave me the agreeable surprise that you were in Australia,--news of your recovery had been brought us by some of the Divine and missionaries who arrived at Villa Maria the day before. Thank God you are now safe and well out of it. If many more of our missionaries left behind could only be so fortunately rescued. We here know absolutely nothing about them. Your few bits of information are the first we have got. Thanks so much for writing so immediately, and congratulations on your safety. Build up under the excellent and kindly care of the Staff where you are, and then come down here to Villa Maria. We shall be glad to have you with us for the duration. You can give us the latest information concerning our other dear Confreres and Sisters of your Mission.

Naturally we expected bad news, yet it is always a shock to learn that So-and-So are dead. The stark statement then attaches to ones we have known so well, and it is so definite and final, almost brutal. Frs. Wache and Conley. R.I.P.....And how many more perhaps...

Bishop Wade is to be one of the Co-Consecrators of the new Bishop of Fiji, Mr. Victor Foley, S.M., and may be absent from his regular address for a few weeks; nevertheless I am writing to him, as I must, without delay. His Lordship's address--the regular one--is:--

Bishop T. J. Wade, S.M.,
HQ--Service Command,
c/o Chaplains' Section,
A P O--502

P.M. San Francisco, Cal.

You should receive very soon the visit of your Co-Missionary, Fr. Richard O'Sullivan, S.M., who is now a Chaplain in the Australian Forces and to whom I wrote about you. He is stationed not far from you.

I hope you will soon recover all your strength and fully get over ~~the~~ bad effects of your recent privations.

Yours fraternally in J. I. J.,

Provincial.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. W.J. Wade, S.M.,
Bishop's Court,
SUVA, Fiji.

July 24, 1944.

My Lord,

The news I have for you will not bear delay, and that is why I am risking your above address.

Let us first get that couple of items of past business off the slate, and then we can come to what I have hinted in the first line.

Re Brother Paul's voyage to America. No doubt your reasons were good, and so everything is O.K., so far as we are concerned. We can only hope and pray now that his trip be good and productive of much benefit all around--to himself, to his family and to the Missions.

That item was in your letter of the 28th May, which took until the 19th July to reach Sydney. Lately ordinary mails have been very slow,--not only from Noumea. The letter you wrote me on the 7th July was much speedier, getting here on y three days after the former, i.e. on July the 22nd. Much better.

Since the 15th of June I have been exploring means of going to the Consecration of Bishop Foley. Military transportation was declined from the start. Commercial transportation is almost nil. What there is of it is heavily overtaxed, with a long waiting list. Priority is definitely for war purposes, and "civilians", like Yours Truly, come last on the scale of values. So here I am, yet, with almost no hope left, for it seems that only a miracle could now get me there on time. If it is not tempting providence--and could it be for such a worthy cause?--I shall be out in a few minutes pulling a few more wires. Five weeks of promises, of disappointment; of hopes and disappointments, are telling on me--my nerves are going. Definite refusal from the beginning would have been preferable. However, I should not complain, for everybody has been obliging to the extent of his powers of action, under military regulations.

When the contingent of the Divine Word missionaries--I now come to what will interest you--last Thursday, they brought word that they had seen at the Hospital where they had been rehabilitated one of our Fathers, Fr. Tonjes, who had been recovered--No details available--and is now being rehabilitated before coming down here. The next day there was a letter from him and an official notification from HQ. In his letter Fr. Tonjes gives good and bad news, but no details, of course. Among the bad news is that of the death (sic) of Frs. Wache and Conley, some time between Dec. 29th/43 and Jan. 10/44. You are the only one, as their Bishop, to whom this is being notified. R.I.P. Fr. Boch was at Vunapope. Frs. Schlicker, Miltrup and Muller are safe and may be heard from later. I have advised Fr. O'Sullivan to call on Fr. T., who naturally desires to get in touch with a Priest. It may be a month or two before Fr. T. comes to Villa Maria.

The letter mentions no other names than those given above.

He will be writing to you.

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

July 28, 1944.

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REGRETTE IMPOSSIBLE VOUS TROUVER PLACE A VILLA
MARIA

DONC NULLE DEMARCHE POUR VENIR

BERGERON.

Collector of Customs,
Customs House,
Sydney.

July 30, 1944.

Dear Sir,

Normally we receive at Villa Maria any of our Missionaries that come to Sydney and assume under guarantee to your Department all responsibilities for their care, medical treatment, etc., until they are able to return to their Missionary work.

Information has lately come to me from several unofficial sources in New Caledonia that one of the Missionaries there, Rev. Antoine Chol, S.M., is a ranger to come to Sydney, N.S.W. I have advised him that at present and for some time to come Villa Maria Monastery was overcrowded owing to the harbouring of evacuees from Hollandia and the Solomons, and that as his case is not urgent one he should remain at Bourca, for we are not prepared to give him quarters at Villa Maria.

I hear again that he is going on with his arrangements in spite of warnings.

I wonder if in the circumstances it would be presumptuous on my part to ask you to instruct the British Consul--or whoever is Agent for Australia--at Bourca to refuse to visa Fr. Antoine Chol's Passport for Australia.

Fr. Chol is a Frenchman who has spent most of his life in New Caledonia, having come to Sydney for a spiritual retreat in 1923, and again about five years ago for medical treatment. His last return to New Caledonia was by the "Garon", May 6, 1943.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Provincial of the Marist Missionaries
in the Pacific.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. Panico, D.D., J.M.B.,
Apostolic Delegate,
North Sydney.

Aug. 4, 1944.

Your Excellency,

I beg to inform you that I
am leaving for Fiji to-morrow morning by Military Plane. I must
apologise for such a short notice; but I did not get final notifi-
cation of transportation and priority until last evening.

During my absence which will extend to five or six months
Rev. Fr. J. Schwach will act as my 'locum tenens' here.

Asking your blessing upon my voyage and the visitation of
the important Mission of Fiji,

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant in J. .J.,

His Grace
Most Rev. H. T. Gilroy, D.D.,
Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

Aug. 4, 1944.

Your Grace,

I beg to inform you that I am leaving
for Fiji to-morrow morning by Military Plane. I must apologise
for such a short notice; but I did not get final notification of
transportation and priority until last evening.

During my absence, which will extend to five or six months,
Rev. Fr. L. Schwehr will act as my 'Locum Tenens' here.

Asking your blessing upon my voyage and the visitation
of the important Mission of Fiji.

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's obedient servant in J. J. J.,

Rev. J.P. Rafferty, P.P.,
Catholic Presbytery,
Arnccliffe.

Aug. 4, 1944.

Dear Reverend Father,

I beg to inform you that I shall be leaving to-morrow morning for Fiji on the occasion of the consecration of the new Bishop, and Rev. V. Foley, P.P., and for the official Provincial visitation of the Mission of Fiji. My absence is expected to extend to five or six months, and during that time the interesting little Presidium of Our Lady of the Angels, at St. Michael's Hostel, will be wanting a Spiritual Director.

I must apologise for such a short notice; but it was not until late yesterday afternoon that final notification came to hand of available transportation and priority for the trip held all these weeks in suspense.

Hoping that you will not be put to too great inconvenience in finding another Spiritual Director, temporary or permanent, for that very deserving unit of the Legion of Mary,

I beg to remain, Dear Reverend Father,

Yours very sincerely in S.O.S.,

Copy

AUG. 4, 1944.

BISHOP FOLEY

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DEEPLY REGRET SLIGHT UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

BERGERON.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
N.S.W.

To:-- Rev. M. McMahon, S.M.,
Lewisham Rest House,
Cashmere Hills,
Churchchurch, W.2.

Aug. 5, 1944.

Dear Father McMahon,

Father Ganney has just written to me suggesting now that you are well enough that you be called to make your Second-Novitiate with a class of his Fathers. I fully concur, of course, in the idea, for he tells me that you are all in favor of it yourself. Therefore, you are hereby formally called to make your Second-Novitiate according to our Rule.

By this same mail I am advising good Fr. Ganney of this decision.

This six months' exercise will give you a renewed interest in life and must be beneficial, as it is to all who make it, in setting the spiritual pyroscope for life. It is gratifying to know that you are definitely O.K.

God bless you.

With all good wishes,
Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
N.S.W.

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington,
N.Z.

Aug. 5, 1944.

Dear Father Geaney,

I am so glad to learn that Fr. McMahon is now well enough to make his Second Novitiate. That six months' exercise will give him a new interest in life, and I heartily concur in your suggestion. Therefore, I hereby formally call him to his Second-Novitiate with your class of candidates, and shall write to him by this same mail to let him know of this decision.

Thank you for the idea and for the care you have taken of him all this time.

Old Fr. Richard has taken a bad turn and is not expected to pull through this time. We have entered him at the Mater M. Hospital for better care, but the Doctors hold out very little hope. Senility and consequent weak heart are his chief complaints, and time can but aggravate them.

Fr. Tonjes is not yet here, though we have been in touch with him. As soon as he is discharged from hospital he will come down to Villa Maria. We shall then know much that we still ignore of the fate of so many of our missionaries.

Sorry to hear of Fr. Parsonage's bereavement. Our Communities here will pray for the happy repose ^{of the soul} of his deceased mother. R.I.P.

I hope to meet very soon Bishops Barnard, Reid, Bresson and Foley on the occasion of the installation of the last named and the full visitation of his Vicariate. I shall be away about six months.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in J. I. J.,

G.E. BERGERON.

L. Schwehr, S.M.

, 29 Sept. 1944

Messrs. Murphy & Moloney,
Solicitors,
Stephen Court,
79 Elizabeth St.
Sydney.

Dear Sirs,

RE ESTATE JULIA FRANCIS O'BRIEN

Your letter of Aug. 17th arrived at Villa Maria after Rev. Fr. Bergeron's departure for the Fiji Islands, where he will remain for several months. Since at that same I was in hospital I was unable to give an earlier answer to your letter.

1) His Lordship Bishop Wade went to Fiji for the Consecration on Aug. 6th of the newly appointed Bishop Mr. Foley. Whether he has returned from there to Noumea I am unable to tell.

His Grace being appointed by His Grace Archbishop Spellmann as his representnat as Chief Chaplain of the American Forces for the Southwest Pacific with Residence at Nouméa, it is most probable that your letters at his address will find him there or will be forwarded to him from there.

2) Should be impossible or not absolutely necessary from your part to contact His Grace for information or instructions as to the disposal of the money mentioned in your letter, the easiest way of settling the matter will be to send the money to "The Marist Mission Procure" Villa Maria Monastery, Hunter's Hill. The money will then be credited to His Lordship's account at with our Procurator, who will in his turn notify His Lordship of the transfer.

Hoping that this information will be satisfactory

I am

Yours sincerely

(L. Schwehr, S.M. Superior)

R. Bro. Rector,
Christian Brothers
St. Mary's Cathedral,
Sydney.

, 20 Sept. 1944

Dear Brother Rector,

Your kind invitation sent to R. F. Bergeron on Aug. 14th, arrived after Father's departure for the Fiji Islands. On his behalf I thank you very much for the kind attention I should have answered much earlier; but was not able of doing so, having been in Hospital just at that time.

I was pleased that the celebrations in honour of your Founder went off so splendidly.

May the spirit of Your Founder remain always with his Congregation for the greater glory of Our dear Lord.
with best greetings and God's blessings

I am in Christ and Our Lady

Yours sincerely

(Superior)

L. Schwehr, S.M.

R. F. Parsonage, S.M.
Cath. Miss.
Wanona Bay, Malaita.

, 6. Oct. 1944.

Dear Father Parsonage,

Your letter to R. Fr. Bergeron arrived at Villa Maria after Father Provincial's departure for Fiji. As he will probably stay there for a few more months I send you these lines to help you wait patiently. It will be some time before you get a personal answer from Father Bergeron himself. I forward your letter to him but it is hard to tell how long it will be until it reaches him.

Thanks for the news about the fathers. Here too the Fathers are all well and we do not forget to pray for you. Many congratulations also for your work in general and the new catechists' school in particular.

With best greetings

I remain in Christ and Our Lady

Yours fraternally

N.B. Mother Olliver (Mt. St. Margaret, Ryde) has asked me several times about you. I think it would please her if you wrote a few lines to her.

R.P. Callet, S.M.
Mu'a, Nukualofa.

L. Schwehr, S.M.

, 3. Oct. 1944.

Bien cher Père Callet,

Votre lettre au R. P. Bergeron est arrivée après le départ du Père pour Fiji. Je la lui ferai parvenir; mais en attendant une réponse directe du R. Bergeron je vous envoie ces quelques lignes pour vous donner la raison du délai de cette réponse. Je doute fort que nous ayons un second voyage l'an prochain et je regrette bien qu'il vous faudra attendre encore plus longtemps que vous ne le désirez; mais si nous devons attendre la fin des hostilités pour pouvoir vous appeler, il est fort à craindre que vous aurez à patienter encore plus d'une année. Espérons cependant qu'il y aura moyen de s'arranger entre temps. Je crois que vous êtes en tête de liste avec quelques autres Pères de Fiji.

Je suis bien peiné de l'état de santé du bon Père Kermann. Rappelez-moi à son bon souvenir et dites-lui qu'on ne l'oublie pas ici. Un bonjour aussi au P. Boussit, et au R. Manno à vous-même l'assurance de mes prières.

Votre F. paternellement dévoué en Jésus et Marie

Chapl. Harold J. Grif, O-447612
31st. Gen. Hosp. APO - 708
c/o PM. San Francisco, (Cal.)

L. Schwehr, S.M.

Dear Reverend Father,

, 20 Oct. 1944

Your Letter (22 Aug. '44) arrived to-day. Rev. Fr. Bergeron is in Fiji and will not return before some time. In his absence I hand over your order to our Procurator, Fr. Nicolas who will do for you what he can.

With best wishes to you and Father Jahan

Yours sincerely in Christ and Our Lady

(Superior)

, 4th Dec. 1944.

The President of Chanel House,
16 Francis St.,
Randwick.

Dear Sir,

Owing to Fr. Bergeron's absence from Australia, your invitation for the Blessing of Chanel House has been received by the undersigned. I was however unable to represent Villa Maria on that occasion.

Enclosed find a cheque which I beg you to accept as a small contribution towards the magnificent work the St. Vincent of Paul Society is doing for the welfare of all those who will avail themselves of the hospitality given them at Chanel's House.

Yours sincerely in Christ and Our Lady,

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(Superior)

L. Schwehr, S.M.

, 13th Dec. 1944

The Very Rev. Fr. Geaney, S.M.
Provincial House,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, C. I., N.Z.

Dear Reverend Father,

Fr. Bergeron still being absent from Villa Maria, I wish to send you on his behalf and in the name of our Community every good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a God Blessed New Year,

Together with these wishes I thank you for your letter received the 12th inst. and for the accompanying notice on Fr. Schaefer's death.

About Fr. Merten and Br. Joe I wrote to Fr. Bergeron asking him what to do about them, specially with Fr. Merten whose return to Samoa is definitely out of question, as I heard from Bishop Darnand. I hope that Fr. Bergeron will pass through Fiji on his way home and be able to settle that and other questions with you verbally.

With best greetings,

Yours sincerely

Monsieur Murphy & Moloney,
79 Elizabeth St.,
Sydney.

Jan. 4, 1944.

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed receipt for your cheque just received of £ 20., same as heretofore for expenses for the repose of the soul of late Winifred Joseph, - partial distribution of her Estate.

I wish to thank you and to assure you that the £ 20. cheque will be discharged without undue delay.

Yours faithfully,

From:--G.E.Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J.M. Aubin, S.M.,
Buma,
Malaita,
B.S.I.

Jan. 5, 1944.

Monseigneur,

Il a y déjà quatre semaines que j'ai reçu votre dernière lettre, celle du 22 nov. C'est vous dire que le travail n'a pas manqué ici tout ce temps. Notre autres task a, il y avait les arrangements à conclure avec Mgr. l'archevêque de Sydney pour l'appel des deux P. Van Monte et Van de alle au second-Noviciat, commençant le 1^{er} Jan., dans l'île. Le P. de Thyeo remplacera le P. Van de alle à l'île; mais je ne sais comment dire pour remplacer au P. Van Monte à Urskineville, le P. D. Oicand se croyant incapable de prendre le poste. Il faudra ces jours-ci trouver le joint. Mais ne craignez pas pour le retour de vos missionnaires dès que la porte sera ouverte: j'ai la promesse de Mgr. Gilroy d'arriver immédiatement les 23 employés de l'Archidiocèse, et ceux de l'île Solande seront tous prêts à partir aussi. Tous ceux qui n'étaient pas très malades de la maladie sont actuellement florissants de santé et desirant de rentrer. Une lettre venue de l'île du P. Oicand donne aussi de bonnes nouvelles des Noviciés en P.I., en commençant par l'île. Il faudrait encore un traitement de six semaines au P. Van Monte. Je vais lui conseiller de le prendre aussitôt que possible. Le P. Oicand aussi va mieux, mais nous ne devons pas compter sur lui, au moins pour un laps encore assez prolongé; même on lui ordonne, ordonnance de l'île, de ne plus aller aux Salomon. On verra ce qu'il en pense quand le temps en sera venu.

À propos de votre Diary, je ne l'ai pas reçu. Il a dû s'égarer. Mais il a été publié dans le "Bulletin" par M. Jean Bresson, et para encore dans le "Catholic Digest". Je l'ai donc en double. Quel que de peines vous avez endurées, cher Monseigneur, et toutes vos lettres parlent de voyages, et encore de voyages, dans les plus pénibles circonstances. Nous comprenons bien aussi que plusieurs de vos missionnaires sur place sont exténués... mais comment les soulager et procurer aux plus fatigués un repos mérité? On part et si difficilement les voyages. Ainsi vos sœurs qui actuellement chez Mgr. Bresson, qui devaient rentrer, sont encore là; vos sœurs d'ici qui devaient aller les remplacer, sont encore ici; d'autres qui depuis six mois sont destinées temporairement aux Hébrides, sont toujours à Villa Maria; moi, j'avais fait de nombreuses et d'apparemment curieuses de marches pour aller célébrer avec Mgr. Bresson le Centenaire de sa Mission, je n'ai pu finalement venir: je suis resté, obligé de me contenter d'un discours écrit confié à la poste pour être lu par un autre au cours des solennités. Je ne puis que vous dire avec confiance que cela sera bien terminé cette nouvelle année 1944.

Il est de tradition et de convenance que le Vicaire Apostolique

Tom. J. Purcell, Solicitor,
66 King St.,
Sydney.

Jan. 17, 1944.

Dear Sir,

Re Kate Elizabeth Kelly Estate.

Please find enclosed receipt for
cheque of £ 200 from the above Estate communicated to me by your
good Self, in favour of the Foreign Missions of the Marist Order.

Kindly convey to the executors with our receipt our sincere
thanks and the assurance of the prayers of the Missionaries for
the happy repose of the soul of the late Kate E. Kelly.

Yours faithfully,

PROVINCIAL OF THE MARIST MISSIONS.

To:--Mr. R. A. Watson,
5 Rawenga Road,
St. Heliers,
Auckland, N.Z.,
N.Z.

From:--G. E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

Through the good offices of Rev. K. McGrath, S.M., Editor of the "Marist Messenger" your initial gift of £ 70 for the education of a Native Seminarian, at Lano, Wallis Is., has at long last reached us, and we are immediately getting in touch with Bishop A. Poncet, S.M., of Wallis and Futuna, to have some bestowed upon the Candidate he may select, with the request that he give you directly, or through us, his name, along with a letter written by the Seminarian expressing his thanks and appreciation.

On their behalf and in my own name I wish to convey to you my grateful acknowledgement of your generosity. God bless you.

I only regret that so much delay intervened between your benefaction and its receipt here, through no fault of yours and no fault of ours at this end. There must, however, be more delay before you get word from Wallis, as in these troubled times communications are not at all regular. But knowing Bishop Poncet as I do, I can assure you that His Lordship will not prove remiss--if the mails do not fail him.

Father J. Nicolas, who is our Procurator for the Missions, and I will be pleased to remain in touch with you for any information you may require. We could probably communicate more quickly with Lano than you over in N.Z.

I hope that you are now quite recovered from your illness and pray that God may now keep you in the best of health.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully in J. J.,

G. E. BERGERON, S.M.,
PROVINCIAL OF THE MARIST MISSIONS

Jan. 19, 1944.

Dear Brother Michael,

We are all sorry to learn of your mishap and its consequent operation, which we hope sincerely has been successful. We shall anxiously await further news from you.

Last week we had our annual retreat--five Fathers and four Brothers. I tried to be with the latter most of the time, giving them three out of the four daily meditations, as a help. With Fr. Schwehr away giving a retreat to the Marist Sisters at Missagons, I was the busy man here; but I really did not feel the strain, as everybody was so earnest, responsive and edifying.

Did you know Fr. Chevrenil? He was a former Provincial of the Missions--from 1919 to 1925, or thereabouts--He died on the 29th Dec., and we are singing a solemn Requiem Mass for him on the 26th, that is next week. And the next big event will be the opening of the Second-Novitiate on the 2nd Feb. Fr. X. de Tave will take Fr. van de Walle's place at Manly, and Fr. D. Coicand Fr. van Monto's place at Erskineville. Until the Second-Novices take up reading in the dining room, Brothers Andrew and John are doing it, and very well they are doing it too. They began during the retreat, while we Fathers took up the French reading during the meals. It all worked out fine.

Enclosed please find the coupons you mentioned. I hope it is all O.K. I know nothing about coupons, but Mother Rose supplied them.

Now get well, and when you have finished your work at St. John's you will be welcome back at Villa Maria. No hurry, understand?

Best regards to Fr. Kelly.

With everybody's good wishes,

Yours devotedly in J.C.J.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Very Rev. A. Cyr, S.M.,
25 Isabella St.,
Boston, Mass.,
U.S.A.

Jan. 19, 1944.

Dear Father Cyr,

The Ordo (Church Calendars) have arrived. They are a fine job, a credit to Fr. A. Gaurin and to the Printers. Just what the Fathers everywhere are used to. Fr. Nicolas got his packets of them too. Thank you very sincerely.

No further news from the Missions. Things are very much as they have been for some time. We do expect, however, that Bishop Aubin will be allowed soon to recall his missionaries, who are all anxious to resume their work and in much better physical condition to carry on than they were when they were evacuated. The dear Sisters, too, are straining at the leash. We hope to God it will not be long before that Mission is going again.

Nothing much in the way of news here. We are opening a Second-Devotiate at Villa Maria on the 2nd Feb. with four Fathers, two of them from Mr. Aubin's Mission, while they are here, and two from Father Hurley's Province to make a respectable roster. And while that is on, I may try to make a visitation of Fr. Orevé's Mission, if obstacles can be removed.

Here's hoping that 1944 will bring back the longed-for peace and normal ways.

Regards to all. Respectful good wishes to you.

Yours sincerely in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

19 janv. 1944.

Cher Pere Colcaud,

Vous avez pu me soupçonner de négligence à votre égard, et avoir trouvé le temps long. C'est le R. Fr. Arcadius qui m'a fait attendre--plus d'une semaine. Il m'a donné sa réponse cet après-midi seulement, et je vous écris tout de suite. On accepte le P. Centauro pour Campbelltown. Il faudra, cependant attendre le retour du P. Schwehr de Wit' avant de pouvoir nous passer de lui pour Ryde. C'est une question de quelques jours encore. Je vous demande de patienter encore un peu. Dès que je saurai le moment de ce retour, je pourrai fixer le départ du P. Centauro, et par conséquent votre départ de Campbelltown. Tout annonce que dimanche prochain déjà mouvement aura commencé. Je vous prie d'attendre un dernier mot de moi.

Le P. Chaize a été opéré pour une hernie étranglée qu'il avait au bras gauche. Il est déjà tout remis. Ce n'était donc pas sérieux. Tous les autres sont bien.

Votre tout dévoué en J.H.J.,

23 janv. 1944.

Cher Pere Coicaud,

Le P. Centauro est accepte pour vous succeder, et lui-meme a accepte le poste. Mais, comme il arrive souvent quand on croit que tout va sur les roulettes, un contre-temps est survenu: la Police d'ici, a qui le 24 dec. j'avais demande si le P. Zitalien serait acceptable a Campbelltown, ont fait des demarches aupres des autorites de police a "Mittagong"; ont recu une reponse favorable, et ne me disent rien de leur erreur avant hier, quand le P. Centauro est alle chez Sgt. Boyd pour completer ses papiers. De la delai, car il faut recommencer a Campbelltown. Ce ne sera pas long. Toutefois, je ne veux pas vous garder en exil trop longtemps, vu votre desir d'aller passer quelques jours a Erskineville avant que le P. van Houte ne quitte cette paroisse. Revenez quand il vous plaira. Il serait de bonne forme cependant de demander au Fr. superieur s'il

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s'il pouvait rester sans pretre un jour ou deux, ou s'il lui serait possible d'avoir encore un P. Franciscain pour faire l'interim, qui ne sera certainement pas long, car le P. Cent. s'attend a etre en regle et sur place avant dimanche prochain, et de ma part je n'ai pas l'intention de le garder ici des que les formalites seront finies.

Au plaisir, donc, de vous revoir.

Votre tout devoue en J. M. J.,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington,
N.Z.

Jan. 23, 1944.

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

It is now exactly two weeks since I received from you Mgr. Blanc's letter to you and Copy of the answer you gave His Lordship, but I had to wait until to-day to thank you.

Your little word to Bishop Blanc is perfect and will save me the trouble to write to him until he approaches me directly.

Our Ordos (for Censor: Church Calendars for the use of priests) have arrived. They are made exactly on the model we used to get from Vitte, with even a few improvements--perfect, I pronounce them. But why insist, you may already have received yours.

We are opening a Second-Novitiate on the 2nd Feb. with four Fathers: Frs. Van Houte, Van de Walle, Woodbury and Murray. The last arrangements I had to make for the first two, who were employed in the Archdiocese of Sydney was one of the reasons why I was so urgently busy lately. Everything seems O.K. now, and you know how I must feel--relieved.

As Fr. Schwehr, the Master of Novices, will have to be on deck all these six months I am trying to arrange for an official visitation of Fiji. I hope it can come off.

We are all well at Villa Maria, though panting for breath on account of the excessive heat. It is all reasonable, however.

With respectful regards,

Yours gratefully in J.M.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev.P. Van Mechelen, S.M.,
St. Mary's,
Manchester St.,
Christchurch, N.Z.

Dear Father Van Mechelen,

It is exactly a month since you sent me your good wishes and that newsy letter, which I am answering to-day, reciprocating the good wishes with accrued interest for the month, and thank you.

With you I thank God that at long last your trouble has been diagnosed and is being so successfully eradicated. Yes, by all means, stay over there until you have taken the extra six weeks' treatment and finally feel completely restored to your former vigour. There will no longer be any question of your coming to Australia, for we have been able to manage without your assistance, and the worst is over for us. On the other hand, if His Lordship Bishop Aubin calls for you and you can find means of going back from N.Z. to your Mission, do so by all means, without awaiting further word from me. I have told all the others over there with you the same thing--to save time, and seize the first opportunity of going back.

Too bad about Fr. McIlhenny. Give him my sympathy and tell him that I take great interest in his case, and I hope and pray that he will fully recover, even if it takes a long time. That Providence will provide for his future work--what it will be, and where it will be. But he must not worry: sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

Brother George wrote to me the same time as you did. He says he is now in "excellent health". Thank God for that. I hope he is not blinding himself to facts or exaggerating. Of course if he can go back too when the time comes, we shall all be glad of it. He also gives me news of everybody--the evacuated missionaries, I mean--and the information on the whole is very satisfactory.

Frs. Van Houte and Van de Walle are to begin their Second-Novitiate on the 2nd Feb., along with Frs. Woodbury and Murray of the Australian Province. Quite a fair roster, you see. Fr. De Theye is too young yet. Messrs. Fr. Coicaud are to replace the first two in the parishes where they were doing ministry. Fr. Centauro will go to the Marist Brothers' college at Campbelltown.

We are all well. Oh, I forgot to mention that Frs. Van de Walle and De Theye went to spend two weeks with Fr. Brugmans (6th to 21st), and they had a grand time together. Fr. Brugmans, in spite of all his gold braid and brass buttons feels very lonely, and the presence of his Confreres gave him a nice break.

Give Mother Cecilia my respectful regards.

With all good wishes and God's blessings,

Yours faithfully in J.H.J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.M. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. Brother George, S.M.,
Greenmeadows, N.B.,
N.Z.

Jan. 24, 1944.

Dear Brother George,

Your letter came to hand only a bit over a fortnight ago, with its good New Year wishes,-- a lot of news that interested me very much. First about your self and then concerning the other evacuees over there with you. Thanks a lot, as the Americans say.

We are all very pleased to learn that you are now so well, apparently completely recovered. Thank God. If you like it over there, you may remain until your Bishop recalls you to resume your work, or rather to reinstall it.

Fr. Scanlon, too, is now ready for the fray, and Frs. Howard and Van Hechelen, as soon as the High Commissioner says the word. Some here are ready as well, and the two that will begin their Second-Novitiate next week, will be packing, if necessary, in six months' time.

But it is too bad about Fr. Scanlon. He seems to be the only unhappy victim. May God give him courage until He give him back his health.

Greetings to all. Best wishes to you and God's choicest blessings.

Yours sincerely in J.V.J.,

G.M. BERGERON, S.M.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,

To:--Rev. G. Callot, S.M.,
Nina Nosa,
Tonga Is.

Jan. 28, 1944.

Cher Pere Callot,

Votre lettre du 13 nov. est arrivee ici le 15 dec. et m'en a donnee une reponse. C'est qu'il y a des cas ou l'on ne sait ce qu'il faut dire. Qui, j'ai compris sans plus d'explications: n'avais-je pas passe par la mere experience? Vous avez toutes mes sympathies, et je vous felicite d'avoir agi avec sagesse en obeissant a votre reconnaissance. Je vous remercie de m'avoir communique les details du cas.

Il n'y a rien a faire pour le moment que ce que vous avez fait, et vous rejetant sur la Providence et la Ste Vierge, attendre la grace d'etat et les secours dont vous serez l'ecole d'une jeune monde isole et difficile. De mon cote, c'est a votre chef de depart relaye de l'administration, qui regarde par consequent le Vicario Apostolique, je n'y puis egalement rien. Vous comprendrez cela.

Quant a votre legitime espoir d'etre a poste a faire votre Second-Noviciat, j'en prends note, et puis vous assurer que vous serez sur la liste des appelables, des que cet exercice reprendra son cours a Villa Maria. De la maison mere on n'a signifié qu'il serait peut-etre preferable de remettre l'ouverture a la fin de la guerre. J'avais decide de me rendre a cet avis, et s'il y a un Noviciat cette année, du 2 nov. au 2 dec., c'est qu'une occasion toute speciale se presentait le necessite:--pour certains PP. avances, pendant qu'ils sont la. Mais il n'y en aura plus avant la paix.

Patience donc, cher Confrere. Vous avez, il est evident et en toute hypothese, un stage a faire a Nina. Faites-le consciencieusement et obtenez-en tout le merite. Vous n'y serez pas si malheureux: Nina a bien ses avantages.

Je vous remercie encore de vos souhaits de bon anniversaire. Juges des miens pour vous. Dieu vous benisse et Sa Ste Mere vous protege. Les bonjours aux Soeurs.

Croyez-moi, cher Pere Callot,

Votre tout devoue en J. .J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

From: --G. E. Bergeron, S.M.

To: --Rev. Mother M. Edith, S.M.,
Sacred Heart Convent,
Wawan,
Tonga Is.

28 Jan. 1944.

Ma chère Mère M. Edith,

Je savais que vous ne manquiez pas de m'envoyer vos souhaits de bonne année. Ils sont arrivés plus tôt que vous ne croyiez--le 13 dec., c'est beau par les temps qui courent. C'est de tout coeur, à vous d'abord, et à toutes vos Soeurs ensuite. Vous connaissez toutes mes sentiments à votre égard: mes vœux et mes prières pour vous en ont fait la circonférence. L'année des inquiétudes et des angoisses n'était pas prévue: ce qu'elles n'étaient pas de votre vocation, est venue. Les grâces. Vous voilà encore à l'oeuvre: et cependant quelle différence. Comme une guerre change les choses,--et au lieu de la paix: les choses qui nous entouraient, il va sans dire; et même les choses du coeur et de l'esprit. On est passé si près du néant: danser de la joie, à l'instant, a mûri subitement, pour ainsi dire, sur les nuages de la terre et de l'éternité: il reste tant à faire avant de quitter définitivement ce monde, que l'on entreprend de nouveau son travail avec un nouvel entrain, l'intention purifiante. Que cette année soit donc la toute l'année. Que Dieu et la Mère nous la conservent et vous en obtiennent tout le mérite.

Vous me donnez beaucoup de nouvelles de vos Soeurs de Tonga et même d'ailleurs. Je vous en suis très reconnaissant. De la Tonga Mère M. Rose je ne tiens assez au courant, mais des lettres comme la votre, sur place, ne font revivre les jours passés. Et quand on vieillit, on aime revivre le passé.

Nous sommes tous bien à Villa Maria, Paris, France et Soeurs. Oh, il y a toujours ceux et celles qui ne seront jamais très bien; mais ils eux-mêmes n'ont pas empire. Un seul, le P. Jean Coicard, de Salomon du Sud, nous a quittés pour aller recevoir en récompense de quarante ans de mission. Il n'a été de son pays que quelques jours, tant pour seulement à l'hôpital. S.I.F. Tous les autres évêques ont grandement bénéficié de leur séjour en Australie. Je ne sais encore quand on leur permettra de rentrer chez eux. Nous faisons faire le Second-Noviciat à deux d'entre eux, puisqu'ils sont là: ils n'auraient pas à revenir à Sydney pour cet important exercice.

Vous savez comme les voyages sont difficiles. Je ne puis me rendre au Centenaire de la Mission de M. Breton. Des Soeurs qui sont ici ont reçu l'ordre de passer à cette même mission pour la durée de la guerre, et d'autres à celle de M. Maltrot, elles sont encore ici, après six mois d'attente. Mais cette année je dois aller à Fiji. Pourrai-je partir? Si je pouvais, je vous ferais de la plus belle et respectueuse révérence; mais je n'ai pas l'intention d'aller vous pousser une visite--pas pour le moment: Fiji prendra assez de mon temps. Priez pour moi durant ce voyage (vers mai ou juin) et pour le succès de la visite.

Les bonjours à toutes. A vous, ma Mère, mes respectueux hommages.

Amatus au P. Grégoire, G. E. BERGERON, S.M.

Jan.31,1944

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BISHOP BLANC

GLAD ABLE GIVE YOU YOUNG FATHER WALL
BERGERON.

Jan.31,1944

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FATHER GEANEY

17 Boulcott St.

WELLINGTON

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PLEASE ADVISE HIM

AM WRITING AIR MAIL TO YOU AND HIM

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BERGERON

To:--Very Rev. V. Geaney, S.M.,
17 Boulcott St.,
Wellington, N.Z.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

Feb. 2, 1944.

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

I wish sincerely to thank you on behalf of the Marions for giving us another of your subjects in the person of Rev. Peter G. Wall, S.M.

The Young Father has just written to me on your advice for instructions. As previously mentioned to you, we had agreed that Fiji was to be given again to the Missionaries from N.Z.; but that last plea from which you forwarded me touched our heart, and we have in Council decided that Fr. Wall be to Ngr. Plana,--always with the proviso that after the war he shall remain at the disposal of the Very Rev. Superior General for that or any other post. Until then he will be a welcome apostle to read Fr. Goddard, who is doing so well there and seems very interested in collaborating with his College, a most praiseworthy idea.

I am writing to him by this same mail to notify him and to amplify the message I already sent you by E.H.

Father McMahon has also written to me saying how much better he is, and asking for instructions too about future work and field of labour, in a climate that would be less disagreeable than that of N.Z., namely the U.S.A.,--all that as the Doctor's advice. I am certainly glad to know that he is definitely on the way, and that God for it. On a previous occasion, when he had applied to return to America, the Superior General had granted my request that he be given his wish based on his needs at the time. I again think that he should be allowed his request and make arrangements to go home to his Province of Washington. I am immediately getting in touch with the Very Rev. Father Weber, S.M., who I am sure will welcome him back.

Arrangements should be made in N.Z. for that trip, and not from here, I am sure. It will prove, no doubt, much more difficult even then than he thinks. And we shall have received Fr. Maher's reply long before he is ready to leave.

The Second Novitiate opens here to-day with four novices: Frs. Goddard, Murray, van Rente and van de Walle.

With respectful regards and good wishes,
Yours sincerely in J. J.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.

To:--Mr. George Fink,
Mondell,
N.S.P.

Feb. 2, 1941.

Dear George,

I am sorry you did not succeed in the last exam. Well, do not take it too hard. You did begin rather late, and there is so much to learn. I am therefore of the same opinion as Brother Director and you that it would be better for you to try to get some work and see what you can learn from doing some job, to which after delivery to choose you should wish. Furthermore in any line of work will come with practice, and you will turn out a very good craftsman.

Enclosed you will find the \$ 15 (per cheque) I sent you a day for urgent needs.

I shall not be at home at the time you mention for your lesson. But I would be in any time during morning, 11-12. Would you come to see me then?

So long, and cheer up.

Yours sincerely,

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. P.G. Wall, S.M.,
St. Mary's Presbytery,
Manchester St.,
Christchurch, N.Z.

Feb. 2, 1944.

Dear Father all,

Your welcome letter (undated) reached me on the 29th of Jan., and I take this first opportunity to thank you for it and to welcome you to the Province of the Missions of the Pacific.

You may already have been advised by Very Rev. Manney, to whom I sent a M.L., that my Council have decided that you be assigned to the Vicariate of Tonga. You will find there an old friend, and a seasoned missionary, who will be super-delighted to welcome an old pal from N.Z. — *Father Rodgers*.

As in former appointments made since we have been cut off from the Mother-House, there is a provision—that if the Superior General wants you elsewhere, you will be at his disposal. For there are at least two Missions to which we want a prudent and experienced missionary, and they must be supplied later. In the meantime other Vicariates are in need, and I would not let our new arrivals see the Missions linger on indefinitely in their own New Land—like the risk of losing them; as I prefer to send them out into the field, even if the particular spot where they initiate their missionary labours be not the final appointment they may receive. Tonga, believe me, is very interesting, and offers real missionary work to do—and leave off it. If after the war, you liked Tonga or Tonga strongly enough to keep you, you would both have a good argument with the Very Rev. Superior General to stay on. If you did not like it there, you could just as easily find some other Vicariate in which to make a new start.

Go then as soon as you can conveniently do so, and God bless you.

With good wishes for a long and fruitful ministry,
Yours sincerely in C.M.I.,

G.E. BERGERON, S.M.,
Provincial.

From:--G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Villa Maria,
Hunter's Hill,
Aust.

To:--Rev. M. McMahon, S.M.,
Lewisham Rest House,
Cashmere Hills,
Christchurch, N.Z.

Feb. 4, 1944.

Dear Father McMahon,

It was good news about your health that your letter of the 22nd Jan. brought us. Congratulations. Thank God for hearing our prayers and for giving you the great hope of length of days in His service.

The conditions demanded by your Specialist for your discharge from hospital I believe can be met, but we shall have to leave a time about it. I am therefore writing--a telegram would be too long and costly--to Very Rev. Fr. Scher, in Washington, to ask him to receive you and give you work which will insure your complete recovery. His acceptance may be assured, but we must be quick in our efforts: it is only urgent, and it must be executed before it is too late. It would be easier to sail, when the formalities have been completed with, from some Port in U.S. than from Australia, but that will be saved. So, get busy as soon as you can to arrange yourself--secure the required permits, currency and passport, get the ship, and the time you have done all this, Fr. Scher's reply and orders will be at hand, and you will be just on the threshold of the new mission America can produce--all as per your request. Please God all may turn out as planned, and so quick. Write us again to let us know just how negotiations are progressing.

Mrs. M. Benedict and I often arrive safely as per schedule, and save us several days of delay concerning the boat, which we will ignore. So, as you people over there seem to be better posted than we are, I shall not bore you by giving you as much as is already.

But here is one bit that will interest you. The Second-Fovitiato opened on the 2nd Feb., the Feast of the Purification, with four Novices: Frs. Woodbury, Murray van Houw and van de Walle. By the time the Fovitiato is over, any the restrictions for the return of the Missionaries to their districts will have been lifted, and will have caused no delay in the beginning of the reconstruction of their Mission. Fr. de Thoye, who is too young yet by two years for the Second-Fovitiato, has replaced Fr. van de Walle as Father, and Fr. Coicand has taken Fr. van Houw's post at Oriskanyville.

With best wishes for the prompt success of your negotiations,

Yours sincerely in J.E.J.,

G.E. Bergeron, S.M.,
Provincial.

McDonnell & Moffitt, Solicitors,
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Sydney.

Feb. 4, 1944.

Dear Sirs,

Re ALFRED ARTHUR GLEN HEDDERLEY.

Please find herewith my two cheques for the two settlements you kindly sent me, for amounts of £100.00 and £100.00, from the "All of" estate of Mrs. GLEN HEDDERLEY. My late wife, Mrs. GLEN HEDDERLEY, will be advised of the legacy made in his favour and for his children.

Yours faithfully,

ALFRED ARTHUR GLEN HEDDERLEY.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Firm this 4th day of February 1944.

From: --G. H. Barron, S. M.

To:--His Lordship
Bost. Rev. J. Halbart, D.D.,
Vicar,
N.H.

6 Feb. 1944.

From: --C. L. Berenson, S. S.,

To:--His Lordship
Most Rev. J. A. Aubin, S.M.,
Puna,
Hawaii, B.S.I.

Feb. 7, 1944.

Vous avez reçu du "Leprosi Trust Board", 111, la somme de £ 500. pour entreprendre le soin des lépreux dans votre région. La lettre adressée au P. McGrath, C.S.C., rédacteur du "Irish Messenger", et dont je vous envoie ci-jointe une copie, vous a donné les principaux détails. L'apparence est que nous n'avons consulté avant de nous faire ce don, dont le montant est chez le P. McGrath; on a cru que nous ne désirons rien tant. Ce "Trust" n'est pas une affaire catholique, ni une association protestante, c'est une société philanthropique qui donne à tout également, dans le seul but de venir en aide aux lépreux. Le P. McGrath explique que les conditions que vous lirez sur la feuille ci-incluse ne semblent pas si difficiles: l'importation quel Convent ou les Sœurs font de la médecine, distribuent des drogues aux malades, vont s'occuper ce nouveau département pour les lépreux, et ainsi satisfaire aux exigences du "Trust". J'aurais aimé plus de détails sur le diagnostic, par exemple, de la maladie -- qui doit le faire? ou doit-on se procurer les remèdes? serait-ce une vraie léproserie avec les malades en résidence? Si vous le désirez, je pourrais demander au P. McGrath ces renseignements.

sur tout cela.

sur tout cela.

M. Halbert reçoit en même temps une somme égale à la vôtre pour le même projet. Ne serait-il pas désirable que vous vous entendiez avec Sa Grandeur, s'il y a lieu?

Votre tout dévoué en J. J. J.,

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